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Report attacks White House misuse of power

Blame laid on Reagan for arms scandal

● The US Congress report on the Iran-Contra affair laid the blame on President Reagan and his advisers

● The report was seen in Washington as a devastating indictment of Mr Reagan's style of Government

● Eight Republican members of the congressional committee refused to sign the report they called 'hysterical'

The committee said the issue of charges was a matter for the courts but issued 27 proposals for an intelligence overhaul

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The final report of the congressional Iran-Contra committee lays the blame for America's biggest scandal since Watergate squarely on President Reagan, whom it accuses of failing in his constitutional duty to uphold the law.

"The ultimate responsibility for the events in the Iran-Contra affair must rest with the President," it says. "If the President did not know what his National Security Advisers were doing, he should have."

The long-awaited 690-page report of the joint Senate and House of Representatives investigating committee is a devastating indictment of Mr Reagan's style of government, of his former key advisers and of a Government which it says disdained the law, deceived the Congress, misused its powers and undermined the principles of American democracy.

However, eight of the Republican members of the committee refused to sign the report, which they called "partisan and hysterical" in its conclusions.

They also insisted that there had been no systematic breaking of the law nor administration-wide dishonesty, and issued their own dissenting view and report.

But even the majority report does accept President Reagan's public statements

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that he did not know of the diversion of Iran arms sales profits to the Nicaraguan Contras. But this did not affect the issue of his responsibility, it says.

"The President created or at least tolerated an environment where those who did know of the diversion believed with certainty that they were carrying out the President's policies."

It was the policy of President Reagan, not an isolated decision by Rear-Admiral John Poindexter, the former National Security Adviser, nor Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, his aide, to sell arms secretly to Iran and to maintain the Contras "body and soul", the report emphasizes.

The facts about his advisers' pursuit of a covert operation, their lying, shredding of documents and cover-up of their actions, had been on the public record for months.

"The actions of those individuals do not comport with the notions of a country guided by law. But the President has yet to condemn their conduct."

The sharply-worded summary of the report all but calls President Reagan a liar.

Listing what he told the public about the arms sales, the shooting down of a CIA-chartered plane in Nicaragua, the trading of arms for hostages and the signing of presidential intelligence findings, it concludes, "all of these statements by the President were wrong".

US policy, the report says, was made by a "cabal of the zealots", who believed a rightful cause justified any means, including lying to the Congress.

"In a constitutional democracy, it is not true, as one official maintained, that "when you take the king's shilling, you do the king's bidding". "The idea of monarchy was rejected here 200 years ago, and since then the law — not any official or ideology — has been paramount. For not instilling this precept in his staff, for failing to take care that the law reigned supreme, the President bears the responsibility."

The mordant report, written with clarity, precision and controlled anger, does not reveal much new about the scandal, which it calls complicated and "profoundly sad" for America. It admits that after taking evidence from 500 witnesses and analysis of 300,000 documents, the full truth may never be known.

And although it repeatedly points to deception, underhand dealing and financial irregularities, it says the question of guilt or criminal intent by any individuals was a matter for the independent counsel and the courts.

However it criticizes especially Colonel North, whom it called the "central figure" at the operational level; the late William Casey, the CIA Director, who promoted the concept of an extra-legal covert organization; and Mr Edwin meese, the Attorney-General whose "lapses" in delaying the sealing of Colonel North's office and failing to question Admiral Poindexter, "placed a cloud" over his investigation.

It firmly clears Vice-President George Bush of responsibility, saying there was no evidence he knew of the diversion, nor could anyone recall his views at meetings on the Iran initiative.

The White House began playing down the report's significance even before it was issued. Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the spokesman, said there was

really nothing new in it. "The only thing is the subjective conclusions of the committee members, and they are split." President Reagan would be briefed on the report by the White House counsel, Mr A. B. Calverhouse. Mr Fitzwater emphasized that it showed Mr Reagan did not know of the diversion of funds.

Senator Daniel Inouye, the Democratic chairman of the Senate committee, said in presenting the report it was time to put the Iran-Contra affair behind the nation. But the lessons must endure. The report was "fair, balanced and comprehensive". While some would criticize it for going too far, others would say it did not go far enough. "In fact, it goes only where the facts have led."

The report's recommendations are modest, as its authors said there was nothing fundamentally wrong with the system of government nor the soundness of US constitutional processes; the scandal arose from the way those in government had behaved.

It made 27 proposals in all, dealing with the issuing of covert operations "findings", the functions of the NSC, consultation with Congress, and the overseeing of intelligence operations.

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Mr Reagan facing the limelight in Washington yesterday after the report was issued.

7,500 TSB investors lose shares

By Our City Staff

The TSB Group yesterday announced that 3.6 million of its shares were reverting to the company because 7,500 shareholders had failed to pay second instalments in September. A further 10 million shares — some 5,000 shareholdings — are being investigated in the hope of tracking down more investors who have not paid.

London share prices rose in the morning on hopes of agreement on cutting the US budget deficit but fell back as talks stalled again. The FT-SE 100 index closed up only 3.6 points at 1,663.7. Wall Street was slightly lower by mid-session.

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'Many trapped' in Tube fire

Emergency services were last night attending a fire at King's Cross Underground station in London. A Fire Brigade spokesman said a number of people were thought to be trapped.

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BP stake

The Kuwait Investment Office, which invests Kuwaiti oil profits, confirmed that it has paid £500 million to build a 10.6 per cent stake in BP this week Page 25

Cup backing

Courage, the brewers, may be interested in a £10m sponsorship deal with the Football Association which would involve the FA Cup being commercially backed for the first time Page 48

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● There is £8,000 to be won in The Times Portfolio Gold competition today, double the usual amount because there was no winner yesterday.

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Steroid gang turn UK into major 'depot'

The Times reveals crucial role in smuggling ring

By John Goodbody, Howard Foster and Tony Dawe

A significant cell in a multi-million pound international drugs racket was destroyed at Leicester Crown Court yesterday when a company executive and a police employee were jailed for supplying "incredibly dangerous" muscle-building drugs.

A *Times* inquiry into the black market trade in hormone drugs has established that Britain has become a major staging post for their supply on the world market. It has also revealed that British dealers were supplying a £40-million American network, masterminded partly by David Jenkins, the former British Olympic medal winner.

The lucrative trade has a supply trail which stretches across Europe, the US and India.

Investigations into the illegal marketing of hormone drugs have uncovered people suspected of involvement in hard drugs, prostitution and protection rackets.

A source of concern is evidence showing that teenagers — some as young as 14 — are injecting themselves with muscle-building drugs in their eagerness to join the growing "body-beautiful" fashion.

To satisfy an increasing demand, Britain has become a major supplier of the drugs, and a Department of Health official confirmed that thousands of athletes and body builders are "swallowing the pills like Smarties".

They are prepared to risk possible tumours, heart failure, sterility and other side-effects to improve their performance. Ignoring these dangers, a number of main dealers — no more than a dozen — supply drugs to about 400 "sub-contractors".

They in turn supply tens of thousands of clients through post office box numbers and some of the mushrooming number of gyms and fitness centres.

The British market has boomed because of loopholes in the law which make it illegal for anyone except a licensed pharmacist to sell steroids, but perfectly legal for individuals to possess them for their own use. Under-policing allows the boom to continue.

The battle to destroy the network is being waged by three retired police officers working for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Financial restraints have prevented them from exploring Britain's international supply routes; they even have difficulty in obtaining permission to make international telephone calls and have no more powers of arrest than the ordinary citizen.

Nevertheless, they have managed to seize £500,000 worth of illegal steroids during an 18-month investigation throughout the country. Yesterday's case at Leicester was achieved only after two officers in their fifties managed to hold on to a 16-stone defendant as he fought to escape with incriminating evidence.

Inquiries by *The Times* indicate that at least 16 trips are made to Europe each

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month by couriers acting for the main dealers in Britain. Hotel foyers, car parks and railway platforms in France, Holland, Italy and Belgium are used as exchange points.

The couriers run little risk if stopped by British Customs, for they can claim the steroids are for their personal use or are being imported for future export. One dealer was stopped by Customs officers this year when he brought into Britain drugs worth £28,000 on the black market.

He originally claimed that they were for his personal use and were worth only £600. But Customs impounded the drugs and established their real value. They tipped off the DHSS and an investigation was started, but the dealer has since disappeared.

The Times has followed one hormone drugs trail to the Dutch frontier town of Hulst. It is the base for Benny van Meelen, aged 42, a former champion body builder and key supplier of steroids, according to several sources in Britain.

He used to be an agent for Tropicana World, a health food company based in Birmingham, and called his franchise in The Netherlands "Tropicana Sport". Mr David McInerney, managing director of Tropicana World, told *The Times* that he had terminated Mr van Meelen's franchise after receiving reports from The Netherlands that he was involved in anabolic steroid dealing.

Another dealer, known to *The Times* but who cannot be named for legal reasons, said: "Everyone in the trade knows Benny. He is the man you had to go and see to get the stuff".

Mr Glyn Thomas, who runs

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Schemes for long-term jobless to be merged

By Ronald Faux, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The Government is to combine all existing schemes for the long-term unemployed into one unified programme, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, announced yesterday.

The new scheme will come into operation next September and will be open to any adult who has been jobless for more than six months. It will absorb five unemployment schemes, including the Community Programme and the controversial new Job Training Scheme.

Its budget of £1.5 billion will not include any new money but the Government expects that by more efficient use of resources, funding will cover an incentive allowance for people joining the scheme. The level of allowance is to be fixed after consultation with the Manpower Services Commission, which will run the scheme.

At a press conference last night Mr Fowler described the changes in help for the unemployed as a substantial reform. The new programme will offer up to 12 months of training.

He said the unemployed would now have two gateways to help; the Youth Training Scheme for school leavers and

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the new programme for the over-18s which has yet to be named. There would be individual assessment and counselling by a training agent.

Mr Fowler said there was no reason why the new scheme should not reach its target of 600,000 trainees relatively quickly. He said the present community programme discriminated against the family man with children.

The new programme would involve employers and a range of other organizations, including chambers of commerce, voluntary and training bodies. Managing agents now in the community programme and the JTS would, he hoped, play a full part.

The new programme is aimed to provide practical training which would give the unemployed the skills to secure a job.

The theme of the change would be to provide training through life, although it is not yet clear whether anyone who has completed a one-year programme, which will include practical work experience, and who still cannot find work will be allowed to return for further training.

At present 228,000 trainees are enrolled with the community programme and only 25,000 with the new job training scheme which has fallen far below its targets. Present budgets for the community programme and new JTS amount to more than £1.25 billion.

Negotiations with IRA denounced

Kinnock attacks Livingstone

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday savagely denounced Mr Ken Livingstone and his views on Ireland, warning his parliamentary party that a British withdrawal was a recipe for spreading the slaughter to Britain.

The Labour leader launched a scathing and comprehensive critique of the former GLC leader's suggestion that the Provisional IRA would succeed in driving Britain from Northern Ireland and that negotiations should begin aimed at a withdrawal and the establishment of a united Ireland.

He described the Provisional IRA, the military wing of Provisional Sinn Fein, with whom Mr Livingstone has links, as "armed gangsters, corrupters and racketeers" who ruled by fear because they had guns.

Without actually naming Mr Livingstone once during his speech, Mr Kinnock said: "You don't negotiate with those people. If you negotiate with the IRA, they would intensify the violence until they got what they wanted."

Mr Livingstone was not at a private meeting of the parliamentary Labour party to hear his leader's anger erupt into an unscripted and at times ferocious attack.

Mr Kinnock said it was "facile" for people to say

Fragments in rubble from the Enniskillen Remembrance Sunday massacre showed that the Provisional IRA used an electronic timer to trigger the bomb which exploded exactly when it was set to do so, the Army said yesterday.

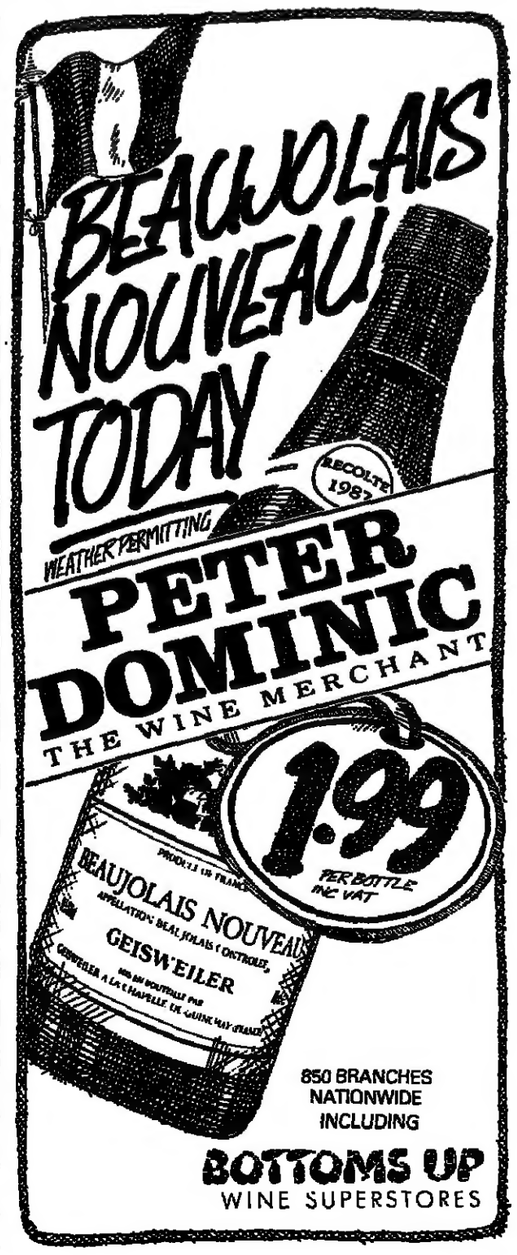
Britain should get out to end the violence and said: "Deserting Northern Ireland would not stop slaughter. It would spread slaughter in Northern Ireland, in the Republic and in mainland Britain. Anyone who really wants to understand the agony should get that straight, whatever else they get twisted."

He ridiculed those who made "a leap of logic" by equating Northern Ireland with colonialism, saying that they showed a "fundamental, permafrost" ignorance.

"They say: 'Negotiate with the IRA'. Anyone would think that the IRA is a liberation army. It is not. They, like the other paramilitaries, are a few hundred armed gangsters who commit political atrocities and spend the rest of their time in graft, corruption and protection rackets, ruling by fear because they have got the guns."

Mr Kinnock's speech was met with applause and no one at the meeting spoke in support of Mr Livingstone or defended his views on Ireland.

The leader's attack was seen as a further bid by Mr Kinnock to widen the gulf between the hard and soft left in the party.



Philby on television, with tea and a cardigan

Philby, now 75, on Russian television

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

Kim Philby, aged 75, the British traitor and long-time Moscow resident, was seen for the first time in many years by Western correspondents here yesterday in a video recording of a four-minute broadcast which first appeared last month on local television in the Baltic republic of Latvia.

The short film, a copy of which has now reached Moscow, was made while Philby was in Latvia taking part in a longer television series on the history of the KGB called *Igra* (The Game). As *The Times* has reported, this is scheduled to be screened after its completion later next month.

The video clip showed a grey-haired Philby looking much older than when last seen, dressed in a tweed jacket and brown cardigan and wearing a striped tie.

Sitting at a desk with a cup of tea in front of him, he spoke in English with a dubbed Latvian commentary about the alleged use of Latvian emigres by Western intelligence services.

Western diplomats said that the film was linked with an intensive Soviet propaganda campaign against Latvian nationalism mounted in the run-up to yesterday's anniversary of the proclamation of Latvian independence on November 18, 1918. It was incorporated into the Soviet Union in 1940.

A Latvian television spokesman told *The Times* that Philby would be playing a relatively minor role in the finished version of *Igra*.

Philby, who was described in the programme's commentary as "a legendary figure", claimed that the Latvian legation in London after the Second World War had been used as a channel for espionage against Soviet Latvia, and said that similar activities had been directed against other Soviet nationalities.

Philby at the time of his defection

NEWS SUMMARY

Aids vaccine test for Zaire troops

The first large-scale test on humans of a vaccine against the Aids virus may be made on 1,000 troops of Zaire's army, if President Mobuto agrees, according to a Thames Television programme being shown tonight (Pearce Wright writes).

The programme, *Aids in Africa*, says the soldiers, who show no signs of Aids virus infection, would be given a vaccine developed by Professor Daniel Zagury, of the Pasteur Institute in Paris. Another group would be injected with a placebo. The test comes after chimpanzees immunized with the vaccine produced protective antibodies in their bloodstream that could neutralize the human immunodeficiency virus, HIV, which causes Aids.

● Trent regional health authority has told doctors that they may have to give up work if they have been infected by the Aids virus, or developed the full disease.

Fast loans warning

The National Consumer Council called yesterday for safeguards to protect borrowers from "instant" loan advertisements which could cost them their homes.

Mrs Sally Oppenheim-Barnes, chairman, warned people tempted to take out loans secured on their homes: "You might end up losing the roof over your head".

The council says all advertisements should state the fees charged and warn of the dangers of defaulting. Loans should not be made to people who clearly could not repay.

Football fan dies

A teenage epileptic has died after being attacked by a gang of rival football supporters in Swindon, Wiltshire.

Mark Smith, aged 17, who had travelled from Plymouth to see his home team play Swindon Town last weekend, received brain injuries in the attack. He survived for two days at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, until his parents gave doctors permission to turn off his life support machine. His death is not attributed to his epilepsy.

Police said yesterday that they were seeking 60 members of the gang.

Death report studied

Results of a post-mortem examination on the exhumed body of Mrs Diana Carson, the wife of a former British naval diplomat in the Bahamas, are being studied by the Portsmouth coroner and detectives.

A police investigation was ordered last week into the death of Mrs Carson, aged 48, after Captain Christopher Carson was expelled from the Bahamas. The Bahamanian government said that he would face charges over the death if he stayed.

Mrs Carson drowned in the swimming pool of the couple's home in Nassau on October 9.

Bogarde has stroke

Dirk Bogarde (right), the actor and director, was recuperating in hospital yesterday after a slight stroke.

The actor, aged 66, fell ill at his London home on Monday evening and was taken to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, where he was believed to be suffering from slight paralysis on one side. He was expected to leave in a couple of days.

● Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, was discharged from Parkside Hospital yesterday and is convalescing at his nearby home in Wimbledon, southwest London.

Prison party protest

Prison officers who discovered an inmates' drinks party at Ford Open Prison, near Arundel, West Sussex, and confiscated quantities of alcohol are threatening industrial action unless they get more staff to stop contraband.

Mr Eddie Latreille, of the Prison Officers' Association, said yesterday that the prison was so grossly under-staffed that random searches for drugs and drink were a thing of the past. "There are large quantities of drugs in the prison."

He said his 101 members at Ford had voted for industrial action but he was awaiting a response from the Home Office before making a move.

Prince seeks community service period for all

By David Walker

The Prince of Wales yesterday called for all young people to take part in a compulsory period of national community service.

The Prince said it would make positive use of unused energy that could turn into anti-social behaviour.

He said the idea of civilian national service should not be "swept under the carpet each time it is raised because there is a chorus of criticism from a vociferous minority".

He suggested that the Economic and Social Research Council, a government agency which promotes sociological and related academic work, should produce a feasibility study of his idea.

Mrs Suzanne Reeve, the Civil Servant who administers the council, said it would be examining the idea.

Prince Charles set out his thinking in a foreword to an Economic and Social Research Council newsletter which reported on recent evidence about the attitudes and life-styles of young people living in Liverpool, Swindon, Kirkcaldy, and Sheffield.

Among the academic contributions, Professor Frank Coffield, of Durham University, said more than 12 million youngsters aged between 16 and 19 in Britain and other West European countries were facing a "crisis of exclusion".

He added: "They are being excluded from the economic, social and political lives of their communities".

Prince Charles picked up the theme, arguing that the human potential of young people was being wasted at a time when there was much they could do in caring for the disadvantaged or improving the physical environment.

He said: "Talking about 'what is good' for young people is notoriously dangerous. Ever since I became involved in the problems faced by young people I tried very hard to put myself in their position, or at least to operate from the basis of what I felt when I was young.

"In all the things I have tried to do for young people I have been guided by a firm belief in the value of being challenged, at some point in your life, as an individual who is part of a team. I have seen in so many cases (not just my own) the effect of such challenge on the development of the individual and the subsequent increase in self-confidence."

But, he said, organization and leadership were needed to bring out youth's potential. He cited the Prince's Trust as one attempt and the Youth Business Initiative, with which he has been associated, as another.

"I believe that we need to consider the whole question of some form of national community service more seriously.

"Basically, all of us at some stage of another — especially when we are young — need to be encouraged to do things that we initially don't like the idea of but which, on doing them, we find to be not nearly as bad as we originally feared."

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Child abuse decisions 'taken in 10 minutes'

By Peter Davenport

Sick children taken to hospital by anxious parents were diagnosed as victims of sexual abuse after brief examinations sometimes lasting no more than 10 minutes, the inquiry into the Cleveland controversy was told yesterday.

It was maintained that the result of the findings by Dr Marietta Higgs, the consultant paediatrician at the centre of the affair, was that families who had never been thought to be other than loving, able and caring were suddenly condemned. Some of the children involved were less than 12 months old and the effect of the diagnosis was to point the finger of blame at the parents.

The ordeal of the mothers and fathers who found themselves suddenly caught up in a whirlpool of accusation and innuendo was described by Mr Simon Hawkesworth, QC, at the Middlesbrough inquiry.

He said that out of the families he represents, about 74 children were diagnosed by Dr Higgs and her colleague, Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, as showing signs consistent with sexual abuse. However 67 of the children were later returned home to both their parents.

Many of the cases, he said, were those involving children who had been taken to Middlesbrough General Hospital by parents concerned about medical conditions which, in some cases, were long-standing. Mr Hawkesworth represents 38 of the families with 84 children who were caught up in the child abuse affair.

Yesterday he told Dr Higgs that her findings, based on a controversial medical technique, caused great anguish.

"Many of the complaints from parents were that their whole family stood condemned as a result of an examination that took between 10 and 20 minutes. They were told in definitive terms of what had happened to their children by you. Can you understand their great anguish and concern?"

Dr Higgs said that she could understand but that she could offer no other explanation to parents of what was wrong with their children, based on the positive results of the reflex anal dilatation test.

Dr Higgs, aged 38, who was being cross-examined for the second day, was at one stage pressed by Mr Hawkesworth and Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss, the judge heading the inquiry, about her methods of immediately informing parents about her diagnosis of sexual abuse.

She was asked if it was not unduly definitive. Dr Higgs replied: "In retrospect yes, it would have been better to have said it in a softer way".

She said, however, that she was very careful not to say who had caused the abuse but agreed that many parents perceived themselves to be the prime candidates.

Mr Hawkesworth asked Dr Higgs about the case of a girl aged six who she had examined 13 times for signs of sexual abuse. In initial medical notes she had described the girl as a "bright, friendly and confident child".

But later, following the examinations which took place over a period of almost a year, a child psychologist who interviewed the child said she was "seriously disturbed".

Mr Hawkesworth said: "This little girl has been subjected to the most horrendous examinations, 13 in all, together with six photographic sessions, and these could only damage her".

Dr Higgs: "They were not horrendous examinations. I just looked at her bottom. And your presumption that she had not been abused is incorrect." The inquiry continues today.

● A Leeds solicitor for families in the Cleveland case plans to sue Dr Higgs, Dr Wyatt and Cleveland social services for damages.

Guarded welcome to curbs on guns

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

Anyone buying a gun or ammunition will have to produce a certificate with his or her photograph and the serial numbers of any guns they already own, under a Bill likely to be published within the next fortnight.

Yesterday the British Shooting Sports Council said it would accept the idea if it were thought to provide a valuable safeguard. But it criticized some of the Government's proposals for changes in the gun laws as a result of the Hungerford massacre.

The council, which represents the main sport shooting organizations, including the British Field Sports Society and the National Rifle Association, said it recognized public concern that self-loading rifles of the type used by Michael Ryan should not get into the wrong hands.

It therefore supported the Home Secretary's decision to ban the Kalashnikov. But some self-loading rifles had been safely used in international competitions for more than 40 years, and were of particular value to women and to the disabled.

The Home Secretary's proposal would destroy the home market and prevent British manufacturers from developing or producing a modern self-loading rifle for any purpose other than military exports.

Mr Hurd also proposed to differentiate between traditional shotguns and those which operated by pump action or were self-loading. This assumed that pump action shotguns were more dangerous because they had a greater firepower, but that was not necessarily so.

● Home Office powers to supply police forces with plastic bullets and CS gas to keep the peace were upheld by the Appeal Court yesterday, in spite of objections by police authorities. The judges rejected a test case appeal by the Northumbria Police Authority against the refusal of the High Court to outlaw the Home Office guidelines.

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Five stolen diamonds worth £3 million which were put on show by Scotland Yard yesterday. They were part of the haul from the Knightsbridge safe deposit robbery and were recovered in Luxembourg this week. One of the stones weighs 40 carats and are worth £1 million. They were unwittingly bought by an Israeli dealer and handed over to the Yard after months of negotiation (Photograph: Alan Weller).

Scientist recalls test on bombers

A former Home Office scientist told the Birmingham public house bombings appeal yesterday that only a small amount of nitro-glycerine would have been present when she obtained a "possible" positive result from a swab taken from a suspect.

Dr Janet Drayton was giving the appeal technical details of the laboratory tests she carried out on swabs taken from the Irishmen arrested after the bombings in 1974.

Dr Drayton, who was a senior scientific officer at the Home Office research establishment at Aldermaston, was cross-examined by Mr Michael Mansfield on the thirteenth day of the hearing at the Court of Appeal.

She agreed that the result had been "at the lowest possible limit of detection". Dr Drayton said it would have been "extremely unlikely" that nitro-glycerine from tests unconnected with the Irishmen's swabs could have shown up.

The six appellants, all from Birmingham, are: William Power, Patrick Hill, aged 42: John Walker, aged 52: Robert Hunter, 41: Richard McIlkenny, aged 53: and Hugh Callaghan, aged 57.

Dr Thomas Hayes, head of forensic science at the Royal Armaments Establishment, said that nitro-glycerine could be lost from test swabs by evaporation and decomposition. He also said examination of playing cards had revealed no nitro-glycerine of nitro-cellulose.

The hearing continues today.

Couple seek to explain deaths

By Ian Smith

Independent medical opinion may be sought on the deaths of three babies belonging to the couple whose still-born son would have been made a ward of court within hours of his birth this week.

Mr Paul Terzeon, the solicitor acting for Mr and Mrs Phillip Rayner said yesterday that the pair would seek an independent opinion on the causes of the deaths.

"They are naturally very concerned and want to know the reasons why there have been so many tragedies", he said.

Meanwhile, Tameside officials defended their decision to seek an order which would have put the latest Rayner baby into care.

Mrs Shirlie Stonier, chairman of Tameside's social services committee, told a press conference at the council's headquarters in Ashton-under-Lyne: "The already well-known facts are that three healthy babies left hospital and within a short time those babies died.

"The social services department decided that the only possible way to protect the unborn child was to deny access to the parents and take the case to court."

In 1982, a son, Jonathan, was born to the Rayners at St Mary's Hospital in Manchester. Shortly after being allowed home, he developed a temperature and died six weeks later.

In May the next year, a daughter, Sarah, was declared healthy at birth but then became ill with identical symptoms and died four weeks later.

The longest surviving child was Sarah, also born at St Mary's. She was taken to the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street, cental London, where nine weeks of exhaustive examinations failed to unearth any potentially fatal complaints.

After the child was returned to the family's home in Dreamwood Avenue, Ashton-under-Lyne, Greater Manchester, she developed a temperature and died on December 31, 1985.

The couple have two surviving children, a boy aged eight and a girl aged 15.

Gentlemen hunters return fire

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

The nation's leading guns reacted with hurt surprise yesterday to the view of a High Court judge that shooting deer was not sport for gentlemen.

Mr Derek Starkey, legislative secretary of the British Field Sports Society, said: "I have never heard that said before. I have always thought of it as something that attracts people from all walks of life."

Sir Jeremiah Harman made his remark when dismissing an action by the Inglewood Investment Company seeking to prevent the Forestry Commission from culling deer on 1,000 acres of land on Cannock Chase, Staffordshire. The land was leased to the commission in 1921 by its owner, Lord Hatherton, who later sold the game shooting rights to Inglewood.

Mr Justice Harman said he was surprised that deer should be classed as game. The agreement between Lord Hatherton and Inglewood, which stipulated "all game, woodcock, snipe and other wild fowl, hares, rabbits and fish" should be taken to include other birds such as grouse, pheasant and partridge. Traditionally, a gentleman would shoot grouse and pheasant while his servants killed deer for the pot.

Killer of girl jailed for life

A sadistic psychopath who scratched the name of a young girl on a shotgun cartridge before he raped, strangled and then shot her, was sentenced at Northampton Crown Court yesterday to two concurrent life sentences.

Colin Hill, aged 29, of Folkesworth, Cambridgeshire, was found guilty of raping and murdering Leanne Scott, of Sawtry, Cambridgeshire, after taking her out.

Lords want more research funding

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

A leading Conservative academic last night criticized the Government's attitude to science and technology, saying it did not enjoy the public's confidence.

Lord Beloff, emeritus fellow of All Souls Oxford, was the most outspoken of the peers who unanimously voiced their concern at the lack of priority and funding for research and development during a five-hour debate in the House of Lords.

He placed the blame firmly on the Treasury which, he said, was made up of "promoted bank clerks" whose field was book-keeping. Ever since 1919 it had ruled the Government, fastening its grip around the throat of every other government department.

A report from the Lords' science and technology committee had called for urgent action to arrest the decline of Britain's science base.

Lord Whitelaw, the deputy Prime Minister, indicated that next year's public spending round will reveal the results of the present "searching review" of research programmes. However, he said Lord Young of Graffham's overhaul at the Department of Trade and Industry will concentrate on getting industry to spend more.

Peers disputed the figures given in the autumn statement by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who said the science budget will rise by £200 million next year.

The organization Save British Science claims this ignores inflation and the Government will reduce spending by £19 million next year in real terms.

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Inspectors moved to beat fraud

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

London Underground plans to get rid of almost all its ticket collectors at station barriers as part of a new £135 million ticketing system. Instead it will more than treble the number of inspectors making spot checks on trains.

More than 900 jobs will be lost under the system, which involves the installation of automatic ticket machines at all 250 stations by the end of next year and linking them to a computer control centre at Baker Street.

The Underground loses about £20 million a year through ticket fraud, and a spokesman said the existing system was not discouraging fraud. Legislation before Parliament will, if approved, permit a £10 penalty to be imposed on anyone travelling without a ticket.

Race chief talks of riot risk

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The new chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality said yesterday that there was a risk of more riots if Britain did not provide better services for ethnic minorities.

Mr Michael Day, who takes over in February, said on BBC Radio that Britain had "failed possibly to provide relevant education, relevant health and social services" for them.

"This is an indictment of us, which I think we are now beginning to appreciate fully. If we do not appreciate it and take corrective action, I think we shall see, perhaps, more of the kind of disturbances which were a very real reminder to us in 1981 and more recently in 1985, that we really have not got it right."

Mr Day, chief probation officer of the West Midlands, will go into his new job having already shown a deep concern for the welfare of ethnic minorities.

The West Midlands service has more black probation officers than any other in the country and more in management. It is the only service with a black assistant chief probation officer.

Mr Day knows that the proportion of black officers, 6 per cent, does not match numbers in the community, but it represents real progress in recent years and is something to build on, he says.

In collaboration with the commission, the West Midlands Service produced in 1981 *Probation and After Care in a Multi-racial Society*, the first book along those lines.

Nationally, Mr Day played a leading part in the publication of *Probation — the multi-racial approach*.

He has been prominent in encouraging the service to rid itself of any racial prejudice.

"I do appreciate the misgivings that people may have about appointing a white person to the post now", he said.

"I take the view that racism is essentially a problem that white people have to address. Work has to be done by the commission to ensure that racism is dealt with by white institutions and white people."

Mr Clifford Boam, chief officer of the National Association of Community Relations Councils, said yesterday that it was regrettable that a black person had not been appointed to lead the commission.

Mr Day, aged 54, is married with two children in their early twenties.

He has been chief probation officer for the West Midlands since 1976 and before that was Surrey's chief probation officer for eight years.

From 1974-77 he was chairman of the Conference of Chief Probation Officers and in 1982 became the first chairman of the Association of Chief Officers of Probation. He was awarded the OBE in 1981.

EEC cash for storm victims

By Ruth Gledhill

The families of 24 people who died when floods and storms hit England and Wales last month are to receive £5,000 from the EEC's natural disaster fund.

Those who were injured and voluntary organizations involved in the aftermath of the disaster, are also to receive payments.

The families of 19 people who died in England and five who died in Wales will receive the money

A total of 300,000 European Currency Units, or £260,000, is available in the fund for England and a further 200,000 European Currency Units, or £140,000, for Wales and Northern Ireland.

Solicitors reject mixed practices plan

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

More than 300 solicitors from local law societies throughout England and Wales and from the Law Society council came down decisively against being allowed to "set up shop" with other professionals at a special meeting in London yesterday.

The view that solicitors should not go in for mixed practices is the most up-to-date sounding yet, indicating the grassroot views in the profession on the controversial issue which the Law Society council will decide in January.

Mr Derek Bradbeer, president of the Law Society, said: "The council will not be bound by this expression of opinion today although it will be of great interest when council comes to its decision".

There was clear evidence of the split among solicitors on the issue. Those at the meeting expressed their views not in a personal capacity but as representatives of their local law societies.

The meeting coincided with a speech in Nottingham from Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading, who again urged the profession to change its rules to allow mixed practices. If the public wanted a range of services under one roof, solicitors should provide it, he said.

Sir Gordon also said retired and elderly judges were being brought back to sit on cases to an extent that flouted Parliament's intentions when it brought in retiring ages for judges.

It was only a matter of time before solicitors would be appointed as High Court judges.

● The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, responded swiftly yesterday to the latest attack by a senior judge on government officials over what is seen as an encroachment by the executive on the independence of the judiciary.

Lord Mackay said he believes firmly in upholding the independence of the judiciary.

He added he would read the full text of the latest speech, by Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, head of the High Court chancery division.

The first computerized fraud trial in this country started at the Central Criminal Court yesterday (Frances Gibb writes).

Some 7,000 paper exhibits contained in 17 files have been transferred on to seven floppy discs which can produce information in seconds on screens in court.

The Crown Prosecution Service believes computers could cut the length of fraud trials by 10 per cent and reduce the cost of photocopying mountains of documents.

The system has been hired by the service for the length of the trial. Detectives in the case have been trained to use the system.

However, the trial is still expected to last six months. Two women and three men, all from south London, variously face a total of 11 charges, alleging conspiracy to procure the execution of a valuable security by deception, conspiracy to obtain property by deception and conspiracy to defraud.

Hardliners pose threat to deal on extradition

By John Cooney

Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, yesterday faced strong opposition within his governing Fianna Fail party to the unconditional extradition of suspected terrorists to Britain or Northern Ireland.

At a lengthy meeting of the parliamentary party, Mr Haughey heard 57 deputies and senators insist that the extradition Act must contain safeguards that would qualify its operation.

Intensive diplomatic negotiations are taking place between the British and Irish governments to enable Mr Haughey to placate his party's republican hardliners.

It emerged last night that Monday's meeting of the Anglo-Irish conference in Dublin was far less harmonious than was presented in the official communiqué.

Informed sources said that Mr Haughey not only asked for a special administrative procedure which would require Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney General, to sign a certificate saying he was satisfied that the suspect faced a court case to answer in the British or Ulster courts, but also demanded that the Irish Attorney General should have powers to accept or reject the word of his British counterpart.

British diplomatic sources last night said that these demands would make the already complicated extradition arrangements far more difficult.

Kasparov asks for time out in championship

Gary Kasparov, the world chess champion, called his second time out yesterday to postpone the fifteenth game of the world title chess match in Seville against the challenger, Anatoly Karpov.

The game, with Karpov playing the white pieces, is scheduled to start tomorrow afternoon.

Kasparov holds the lead in the 24-game series by 7½ points to 6½. He has won three games, lost two and drawn nine. However, he only has one time out remaining.

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First prosecution in a British court for suppliers of body-building anabolic steroids

Judge jails two who dealt in 'incredibly dangerous drugs'

By Tony Dawe and Sam Kiley

A company executive and a young police employee were jailed yesterday for selling anabolic steroids, muscle-building drugs described by the judge as "incredibly dangerous", after the first prosecution of its type in Britain.

Michael Claxton, aged 50, of Fieldway Crescent, Great Glen, near Leicester, was jailed for nine months for his organizing role in the drugs ring.

Ian Tomlinson, aged 25, described as the "office boy", was jailed for six months. Both Claxton, a manager with Dunlop, and Tomlinson, a police scene-of-crime investigator, of Pamela Place, Leicester, have lost their jobs.

The two men admitted conspiring to evade the Medicines Act by supplying steroids, the first time such a charge has been brought in a British court. The prosecution came after an inquiry by investigators from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Mr Colin Such, who helped to arrest Tomlinson, said: "The sentences should deter the increasing number of people dabbling in these drugs. The traffic in anabolic steroids is far more widespread than anyone realizes."

Judge Pitchers told the two men at Leicester Crown Court: "You chose for financial gain to sell drugs which you knew should have been prescribed by a doctor and which you knew could have serious side-effects.

"You persisted in the illegal sale of these drugs despite the warnings in two articles in national newspapers. Your only reaction was to change the postal address from which you conducted the operation."

The judge said the court had a duty to prevent the sale of such "dangerous substances" and added that he would have imposed stronger sentences if there had been a precedent.

He granted a third defendant, Margaret McGrath, of Anchor Street, Leicester, who had allowed the business to be run from her address, a conditional discharge because of her lesser involvement in the case.

Mr David Ross, for the prosecution, told the court that steroids could only be sold with a prescription. Claxton and Tomlinson were keen body builders and recognized the potential for the illegal sale of steroids.

They began their operation two years ago by advertising a free fact sheet on steroids in a body-building magazine.

People who replied to the advertisement were given details of available steroids which the fact sheet claimed would increase bicep measurements by four inches and also increase resistance to pain, a person's aggressiveness, and libido.

After a newspaper article they moved their operation to a Post Office box in Leicester where Tomlinson was stopped by ministry investigators as he collected orders totalling £680.

Claxton said he was merely an agent for another man from Leeds.

Mr Richard Burns, representing Claxton, told the court that steroids were regularly brought into Britain from the Continent by people openly paying customs duty on them. When he suggested steroids were mild drugs Judge Pitchers interrupted to describe them as "incredibly dangerous drugs".

Mr Nigel Page, representing Tomlinson, said he was only the "office boy" in the drugs peddling organization, responsible for delivering steroids to buyers.

The court heard from McGrath's counsel, Mr Graham Buchannon, that she was unwittingly involved in a criminal offence, and that as soon as she was made aware of this by reporters she "shot off like a rocket to the central police station", to ask if she had been breaking the law.

After the hearing Tomlinson's father said he was outraged that his son had been jailed and that it was "like penalizing an athlete for running in shoes rather than bare feet".

● *Two retired police officers*, working as Ministry of Agriculture investigators, were treated in hospital after trying to apprehend Tomlinson.

Mr Colin Such, aged 60, and Mr Ray Castle, aged 54, were watching for anyone collecting *items from the box number* being used by the steroids gang when Tomlinson walked in.

They stopped him after he had collected letters from the post box but he threw punches at them and tried to escape through the back of the post office.

Mr Benny van Meelen (above) pictured near his former home in Hulst, Holland; Margaret McGrath; and Ian Tomlinson, who was jailed for six months.

Harmful 'aids' to body-building

The main groups of hormone drugs used by some sporting competitors:

Anabolic steroids: Drugs which help in the retention of protein and the utilization of nitrogen. Widely used since the early 1960s to increase muscular body weight, to recover more quickly from intensive training and to accentuate aggressiveness.

The most common is nandrolone, which is injectable. It can be detected through drug tests more than *three months after it was last* taken. Other examples are Dianabol and Pronobol, whose active ingredient is methandienone. Both those drugs have been widely imported into Britain.

Testosterone: A male hormone with a strong anabolic action. It can be injected into a competitor's body to raise the level of testosterone. Side-effects for women include the *acquisition of masculine features*. A 200 mg vial of Testosterone Cypionate, costing £3 from a reputable wholesaler, costs £20 on the black market.

Human Chorionic Gonadotropin: Another body-building drug, which maintains or elevates the level of testosterone and stops the *withdrawal effects* when a competitor stops using the other hormone drugs. This natural protein hormone is present in the urine of pregnant women.

HCG raises the testosterone production in the male. The *International Olympic Committee* has asked its 18 accredited laboratories to test for the drug.

Human Growth Hormone: This used to be obtained from the pituitary glands of dead humans. It is believed HGH *can help the anabolic action of* the body and broaden the bones. But large amounts of it will cause muscle weakness, making the drug totally *counter-productive*.

Ample evidence of damaging effects

Taking body-building drugs *such as anabolic steroids can* not only damage people's health — it can also kill. There is widespread evidence of the harmful effects of drug-taking, *particularly when it is done* without proper medical supervision.

Earlier this year, a body-builder, David Daljit Singh, from Rainham, Essex, died from taking anabolic steroids, which gave him four tumours *on his liver*. It was the first proven case in Britain, although two other deaths in recent years, one in Scotland and the other in Yorkshire, were *unofficially linked to* hormone drugs.

Deaths abroad have been *better documented*. Tom Sansone, the 1958 Mr America, suffered from Wilm's tumour, an exceptionally rare disease in adults. He took anabolic steroids during his career.

In April, Birgit Dressel, the West German pentathlete, *who was fourth in the 1986* European Championships, died at the age of 26 after taking a wide range of drugs.

The liver and kidneys are often the first victims of drug abuse.

Dr David Cowan, associate director of the Drug Control Centre, funded by the Sports Council, said: "Among the many side-effects for both sexes are an increased chance *of coronary heart disease*, liver toxity, which can range from jaundice through to tumours, and cancer of the kidney.

"For women, there can be the development of masculine features such as deepening of the voice and facial hair. In the male, *there can be such features* as growth of breasts."

Dr Cowan said that when anabolic steroids were prescribed for people in real need of the drug, there were frequent tests on the liver

UK is the focus of a growing trade in hormone drugs

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the Olympian Gym in Coventry, described Mr van Meelen as a "genius", and claimed the Dutchman sold steroids in a massive way.

"Benny sold millions of steroids a year," he said.

Ministry investigators are also aware of Mr van Meelen, but he is beyond their jurisdiction and is not breaking Dutch law.

Mr van Meelen agreed to meet *The Times* at a cafe in the town square of Hulst and at first denied any involvement in the world of steroid-taking.

He admitted that he was selling a Dutch edition of the *The Underground Steroid Handbook*, written by an American heavily involved in the Jenkins network.

He also gave a detailed account of the illegal trading *between the Continent and* Britain, accurately listing the names and activities of three British dealers known to *The Times*.

He also had details of one dealer getting Continental drugs copied in Britain to sell at a price that undercut other dealers.

Mr van Meelen, a stocky man about 5ft 9in tall, admitted taking steroids during his body-building career and still retains his physique by training three times a week.

"I haven't been to Britain for two years. I hear the rumours that I am involved in selling steroids. People are just making up stories.

"I will say that if the British make it illegal to possess steroids, the trade, which is a very big one, will go onto the black market and prices will rocket. One injectable steroid, which might cost £10 to £20 a shot now, will sell for £50 to £60."

The interview in Hulst ended, but two days later *The Times* spoke to Mr van Meelen again, this time giving him more detailed allegations of his drug dealings with Britain.

He then changed his story and agreed that he had been involved in large-scale sales of steroids to British dealers, but claimed that he had now given up the trade.

"Every couple of weeks they would come over — mainly two dealers or their representatives", he said.

Mr van Meelen also said that he started to import steroids from an illicit British dealer who was having the drugs manufactured in England. He then sold the drugs back to the dealer's rivals.

"At one stage, about 80 per cent of *my steroids* were coming from England and I was selling them back across the Channel", he said. "Now in Britain there are a lot of bad people. They would order so much and then not bring the money we had agreed.

"*Some of the people in* Britain in the illegal steroids business live on the edge of the criminal world. They are not nice people."

Some British dealers have dispensed with clandestine meetings on the Continent in favour of an easier method of obtaining the steroids. They have set up companies using bogus names and simply order the steroids from respectable leading European companies like Gideon Richter in Hungary and Heilimport in Germany.

The British dealers' subterfuge makes it difficult for the undermanned team of *Ministry investigators to trace* them, and if they are challenged, they can claim to be importing the steroids for onward export. Only if they *are discovered selling the steroids* in this country would they be breaking the law.

A further source of supply was uncovered when Customs officers, checking on suspicious packages arriving in the overseas mail, opened a parcel from India. They expected to find hard drugs but discovered instead supplies of the steroid Pronobol 5, manufactured in a Bombay drugs factory.

One parcel was addressed to an Indian businessman whose name is known to *The Times* and is related to the owner of the factory.

As the sources multiply and the steroids become increasingly easy to obtain, one MP is fighting for a change in the law *to deter demand*. Mr Menzies Campbell, Liberal MP for Fife North East and a former international sprinter, has introduced a private member's Bill in the Commons which would make it illegal for anyone to possess steroids unless they have a medical prescription.

His Bill would also bring steroids within the scope of the Misuse of Drugs Act, so that it would become a criminal offence to sell, possess, traffic or illegally manufacture them.

But his Bill is way down on the list *of private member's* Bills and has no chance of becoming law unless the Government backs it.

Tomorrow: The David Jenkins link.

Pets that suffer in silence

By Ruth Gledhill

Thousands of pets are suffering from illness and disease because of stress or unintentional neglect, veterinary surgeons were told yesterday.

Obesity, arthritis, tumours, back pain, gastric ulcers and skin disease can result from undetected stress, with high blood pressure and cancer in extreme cases.

Veterinary surgeons at the *Animal Welfare Foundation at* the Zoological Gardens of London were told owners can cause stress and suffering in their pets by isolating them, changing *established feeding* or exercise routines, overfeeding, moving them from house to house or exposing them to noise.

Dr Bob Michell, a reader in medicine at the Royal Veterinary College, said an animal has no means of communicating its stress to its owner. It may merely appear *listless*, aggressive or may develop an illness or disease.

"An owner will casually delay a dog's *feeding time by* two hours. It will not worry the owner because he knows the reason for it, but it could be really stressful for the dog.

"Animals experiencing stress *are in a situation* which is actually or potentially damaging."

Nurses in call for action on staffing

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

To avert a manpower crisis in the National Health Service *health authorities must swiftly* recruit men and older women as nurses, the Royal College of Nursing said yesterday.

The number of 18-year-old female school leavers will fall in the next five years, and the nursing profession will no longer be able to rely on this traditional group for recruits, the college says, in a guide for *managers on how to tackle* nursing shortages.

Of the 65,000 nurses in training last year only 1,000 were aged over 40 and 10,000 over 25. Only 2,000 were men.

Mature students would *need to be attracted by flexible* hours, job-sharing schemes, posts with greater responsibility and less physically demanding workloads — all *moves which could also* attract back the 100,000 to *150,000 qualified nurses no* longer working in the NHS and retain some of the 30,000 *who leave every year*.

Skilled single-sex marketing drives would be needed to attract male students, who represent only 10 per cent of Britain's 450,000 nurses.

Mr Trevor *Clay, general* secretary of the college, said that the problem of nurse *recruitment*, which has led to ward closures and cancelled operations, was no longer *confined to London*, where some regions face a 25 per cent shortfall.

Health authorities in the Midlands, the North, Oxfordshire and Wales were all having difficulties attracting staff. The problem had been worsened by health authorities *imposing a blanket freeze* on nurse recruitment for fear of overspending their cash limited budgets, Mr Clay said.

Mr Clay also warned the Government that nurses, who are still poorly paid compared with other professions, would not tolerate moves by the Government to cut extra payments for working unsocial hours.

The Government intends to reduce extra payments for *night duty, Sunday and bank* holiday shifts in order to fund a restructuring of nurses' grades next year, which could result in some nurses losing *more than £45 a week, or* between 35p and £3.06 an hour.

"Nurses are tired of being promised a decent professional salary tomorrow", he said.

Manpower Solutions (Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, London W1).

Terrorized GP gave out drug

A doctor was terrorized into prescribing a highly addictive drug, the General Medical *Council's disciplinary committee* was told yesterday.

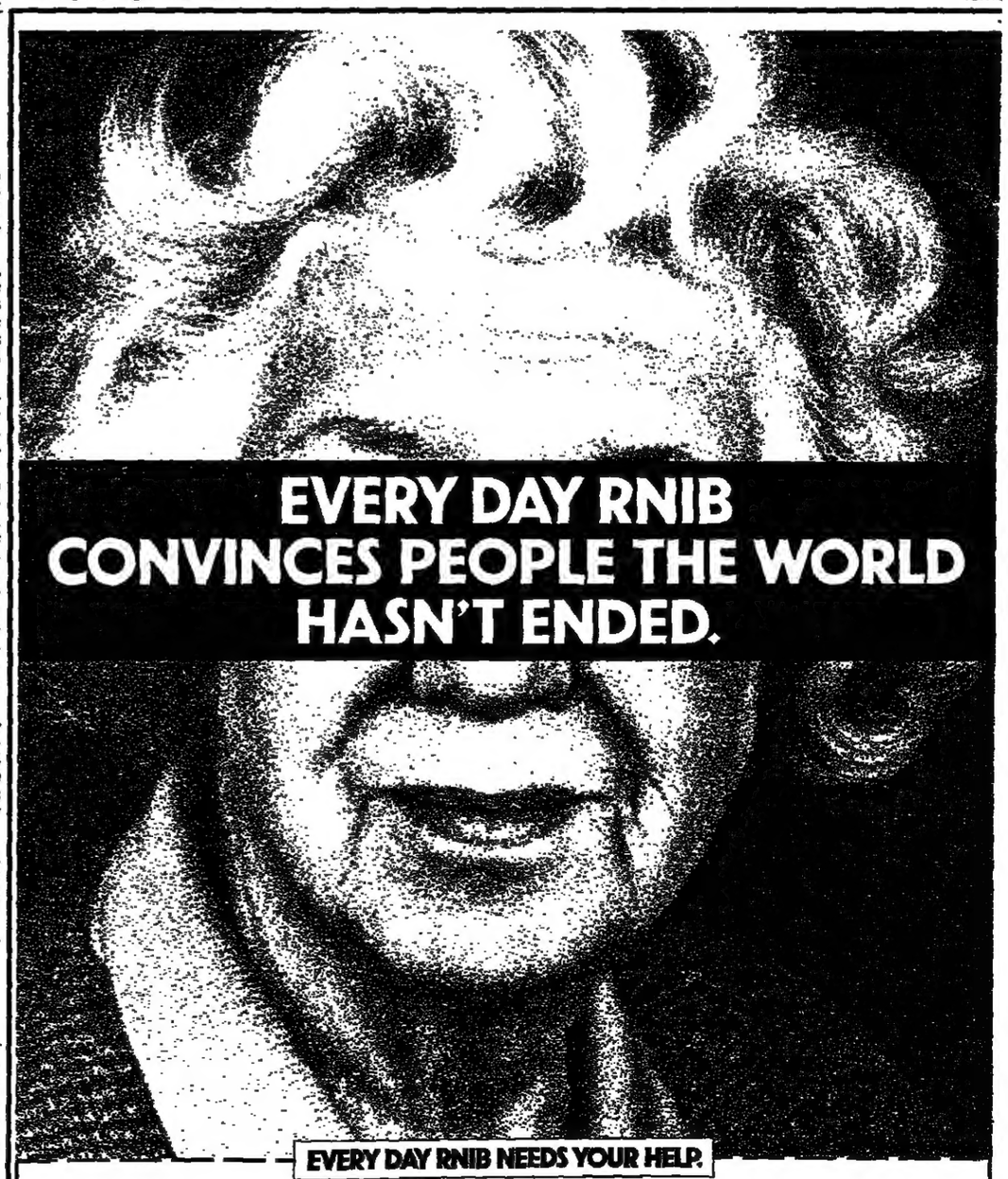
Dr Nabi Jan Khan, aged 55, *was forced to prescribe* Phensedyl, a cough linctus containing codeine, when one of his patients, named only as "Mr H", threatened to kill *him, the hearing was told.*

Dr Khan, severely reprimanded by the committee for serious professional *misconduct*, continued to prescribe the linctus as an "easy option", because he had no confidence in police protec*tion. His practice in St Peter's*, Leicester, had been raided five times by gangs wanting drugs.

***Dr Khan made 45 prescriptions* of Phensedyl to "Mr H" between November 1986, and May this year. A locum doctor made out another five prescriptions and Dr Khan's partner, made out 28, the committee was told.**

***Mr Graham Ekland, for the* medical council, told the committee the recommended maximum daily dose was 30 millilitres. "Based on Khan's *prescribing, an average daily* dose would be 72 millilitres."**

Mr Diva Pillay, appearing for Dr Khan, said crime was endemic at St Peter's. "Mr H", a known criminal, had threatened his client's life.



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Sporting paintings hit by weak dollar

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

Nearly half the works in Sotheby's sale of British paintings from 1500 to 1850 failed to sell yesterday.

The sporting paintings — an area which has enjoyed runaway success of late, because of its popularity with Americans — did particularly badly.

"The dollar is far too weak for Americans to bid seriously in this area", Mr James Miller, of Sotheby's, explained.

Important failures included a group portrait of the Lister family from Yorkshire by Arthur Devis, which was bought in at £200,000, and a British Rail pension fund painting of a gentleman posing beside his chestnut hunter by George Stubbs failed to sell at £100,000.

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But a rare view of Old Smithfield market by the nineteenth-century Swiss painter, Jacques Laurent Agasse, achieved what Mr Miller described as a "proper price" of £242,000 when it sold to S Fitzgerald, the London dealer.

In spite of the gloom, there were a number of happy outcomes. Marine paintings, such as Thomas Butterworth's "Battle of Trafalgar", sold relatively well at £30,800.

Leggatt Brothers succeeded in buying, on behalf of the National Portrait Gallery, a James Northcote portrait of the great art critic, John Ruskin, as an angelic prodigy aged three. They paid £25,300. Lord Hastings bought a portrait of his ancestors, Edward and Blanche Astley, for £17,000.

British commemorative china brought genuine cheer at Phillips yesterday when 500 jugs and mugs from the collec*tion of the retired physician*, Dr D. Davies, sold for £51,574.

A rare miniature mug com*memorating* the birth of the Princess Royal in 1840 fetched the highest price of £3,860.

The news from New York yesterday was mixed. Christie's did well *in their* prints and illustrated books sale, amassing a total of $3.6 million (£2 million) over two days, with 7 per cent unsold. Top price was $154,000 (£88,000) for a pair of lithographs, "Sur la Terre des Dieux", by Marc Chagall, who is top of the American print market popularity stakes. A woodcut by Edward Munch, called "Mädchen auf der Brucke", sold for $93,500

Buying was patchy at the first part of Christie's Latin American art sale. Although there was a record price for a Remedios Varos painting, 41 per cent of the lots remained unsold. Other high prices were achieved for Fernando Botero (£125,000) and Rufino Tamayo (£112,500).

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Fowler brings in programme for long-term jobless

EMPLOYMENT

A new training programme aimed primarily at getting the long-term unemployed back to work was outlined to the Commons by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment.

He made clear that people joining the scheme would get paid more than the benefits they would receive in unemployment pay.

But his statement received a hostile reception from Opposition MPs because Mr Fowler declined to put a figure on how much more they would be paid.

He said that £1.5 billion was being made available and he was asking the Manpower Services Commission to work out the details. These would be published early next year with the scheme coming into operation in September.

In reply to Labour critics, he said that the Opposition was terrified of unemployment coming down.

Mr Fowler said that the emphasis should be switched away from providing temporary jobs as an alternative to unemployment and towards providing training to help unemployed people to get back into permanent jobs. They had to ensure that training was geared to the needs of the individual and the economy.

"I have now decided to bring together all the existing programmes for unemployed people over 18 into a single new programme.

"It will involve a substantial reform of the community programme, including a major enhancement of its training content. This new programme will offer up to 12 months' training for anyone who has been out of work for more than six months."

Entry to the programme would be through Restart interviews and job centres.

It would involve employers and a range of other organizations such as chambers of commerce and voluntary and training bodies.

He hoped that managing agents in the community programme and the job training scheme would play a full part. The emphasis would be on practical learning to help people to get back into employment.

Accordingly, the training would range from basic working skills, including numeracy and literacy, to training at craft and technician level. The aim was to improve significantly on the number of people who obtained jobs when they left.

It was essential that unemployed people who joined the new programme knew that they would be better off than if they were on benefit. All trainees should be paid a training allowance to give them a lead over their previous benefit entitlement.

The budget would be just under £1.5 billion a year, so maintaining the provision for the schemes it would replace. It would be possible to provide training for about 600,000 people a year.

Mr Norman Fowler: People will get more than benefits.

He was asking the Manpower Services Commission for its comments and to let him have proposals for introducing the programme from September next year. He proposed to publish a White Paper early next year setting out the details.

"No other country has a programme on this scale. It will provide new opportunities for long-term unemployed people to obtain the skills and qualifications employers need."

Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on employment, said that, while the Opposition had consistently called for improved training for the unemployed, it strongly rejected the Government strategy of providing mass programmes of low-level work experience dressed up as training.

Mr Fowler's much vaunted gaurantee of a job or a place on a scheme in reality meant compelling people, by a threat of a withdrawal of benefit, on to a low-pay placement.

This statement meant dragging down the community programme (CP) to the level of the job training scheme (JTS) which had been a monumental flop. The Government had managed to fill only a quarter of the places it had intended.

The CP managers were deeply opposed to Mr Fowler's plans and expected a poor take-up, resentful participation and loss of momentum.

It was clear that the announcement was much more about cutting low pay than improving training.

Why did Mr Fowler not tell them what the so-called training programme would actually pay?

It was widely rumoured that it would pay £4 or £5 a week over social security levels. Would he confirm that?

His claim of enhanced training was totally incredible when he was offering no additional funds.

The proposal would worsen the situation for many on the CP. He was writing off persons over the age of 50 and penalizing those who needed part-time work such as single parents and the disabled.

Mr Fowler said that that response was even more nonsensical than usual. Once again Mr Meacher had gone raving over the top.

The programme was going to cost £1.5 billion and would provide work for 600,000 unemployed people a year. That was an improvement on the 400,000 at the moment.

The cause for concern with the JTS was that half of those who agreed at a Restart interview to go on it did not turn up, even for the start of the scheme. They did not even look at what was on offer.

"I have asked the MSC to advise on all aspects of the scheme including the level of the training allowance.

"What I can give an assurance on is that it will certainly be more than £4 or £5 that he simply alleged."

Mr Malcolm Bruce (Gordon, L) said that the statement would be greeted with considerable cynicism by those involved in training the unemployed, particularly in view of the intention to compel people to join schemes.

Mr Fowler said that they were not talking about the demise of the community programme. They wanted to retain its good features. It was better to have full-time training than part-time.

Mr Ronald Leighton (Newham North East, Lab) said that the statement hid more than it told the House. It contained the figure of £1.5 billion, but that was the gross figure, not the net figure. The Community Programme now cost £1 billion gross.

Would there be consultation with the House and with trade unions about the new scheme?

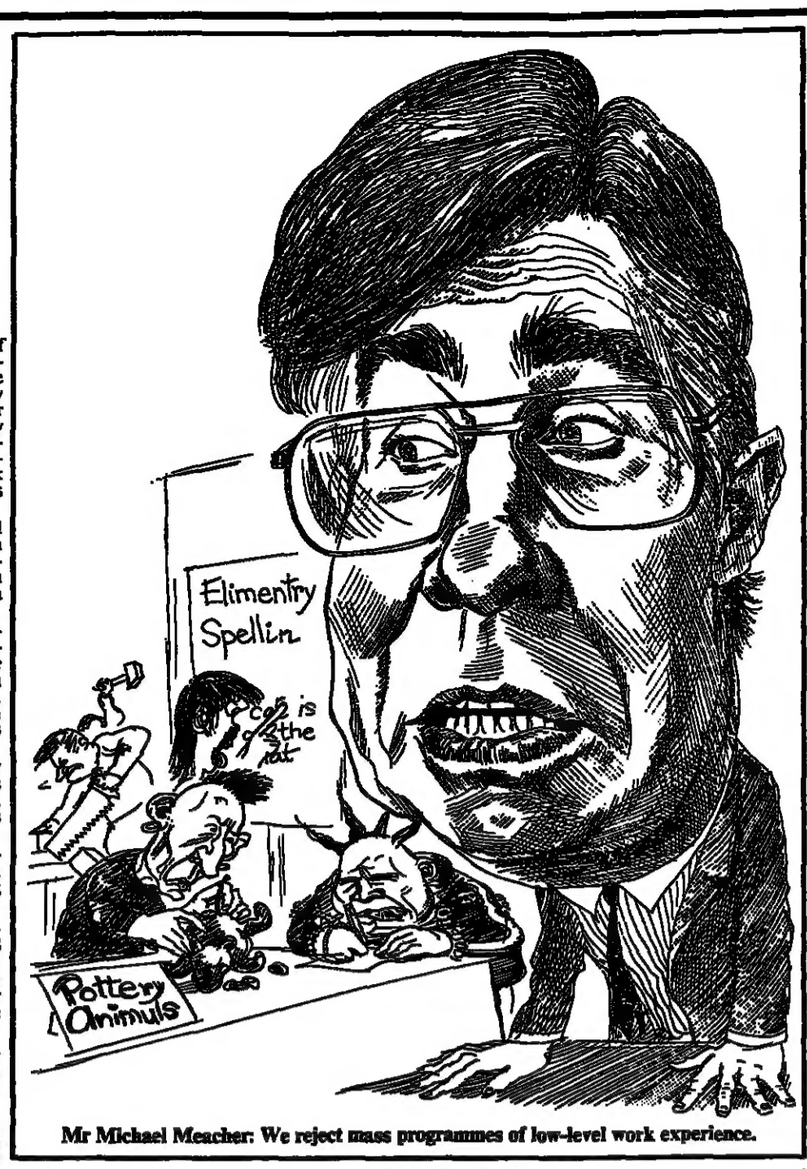
Mr Fowler said that there would be consultation and that was precisely why he had made the statement. Full details would be contained in a White Paper early in the new year. He had given the outline of the scheme.

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C) said that in some areas where jobs were available unemployment was also at its highest. The greatest training aid for some people would be a well placed boot up the backside.

Mr Fowler said that the normal arrangements of checking availability for work would continue.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said that attacks on the unemployed came ill from Conservatives like Mr Marlow, a member of the goose-stepping tendency, as did lectures from moonlighting Tories who had three or four jobs.

Mr Fowler said that he was sure that when the member of the bectoring tendency had examined the Government's proposals he would, with his customary fairness, welcome them.



Mr Michael Meacher: We reject mass programmes of low-level work experience.

Lords are given promise of R & D review

SCIENCE

Peers on all sides, including many leading academics, expressed concern at the Government's funding and priorities for science and technology.

However, Viscount Whitelaw, Leader of the Lords, promised a searching review of research in the next year, with the results likely to be announced in next year's public expenditure round.

During a debate on the response from the Government to the House of Lords committee report on research and development, Viscount Whitelaw said that the new Cabinet-level Advisory Council on Science and Technology (Acost) that was urged by the committee was now in operation. The Prime Minister expected to meet it for the first time early next year.

The Government's purpose in strengthening the central machinery was to increase the contribution of Government-funded R & D to the efficiency, competitiveness and innovative capability to the United Kingdom economy. The balance between defence and civil research was to be slightly shifted to give greater emphasis to civil work.

Lord Young of Graffham (Secretary of State for Trade and Industry) was reviewing his department's policy in supporting and encouraging innovation. The prime need was for industry to increase its level of R & D and the department is to promote this.

Turning to collaboration with other countries, he said that the European Framework programme had been too ambitious, while the new revised agenda would make a real contribution to industry in the Community. The Government also took a firm stance in the recent European Space Agency talks. However its commitment to European co-operation was not changed.

The Government agreed with the Lords committee that it was important to increase the civil spin-off from defence research. Defence Technology Enterprise Ltd, a private sector company set up in 1985 by the Ministry of Defence and the City, had privileged access to four major defence research establishments and now had 500 items on its database.

Lord Sherfield (Ind), who chaired the committee's inquiry into civil R & D, said that in the recent autumn statement, Mr Nigel Lawson (the Chancellor of the Exchequer) referred to science as "the fashionable cry".

If the subject had become fashionable it was because of the concern that the Government's policies for R & D had created among the scientific and academic community. It was this concern that led to the committee's report.

The Government had accepted the main thrust of the report, not precisely in the manner proposed, but in a way that satisfied him that the policy for science and technology would now be given the priority in Government that it ought to have.

He welcomed the setting up of a high-level Cabinet committee under the Prime Minister's chairmanship and of Acost, which Mrs Thatcher would meet from time to time. He hoped that she would do so soon and demonstrate publicly the close ties between the two bodies.

However the Government's attitude to space ventures illustrated the delays and confusion to which the present system of policy-making could give rise.

Lady David, chief Opposition spokesman on education in the Lords, said that universities and polytechnics had both made valiant attempts to raise more resources, despite the cuts in their budgets. However the supply of properly qualified scientists was woefully inadequate.

Lord Flowers (SDP) said that the Government must provide enough money for youngsters to come up as leaders of research. To do otherwise was a certain recipe for ossified mediocrity.

Lord Beloff (C) said that Britain was increasingly a net exporter of scientific talent. It was perhaps the single most damaging symptom of the country's plight. Why was Britain alone in not facing this dilemma?

When historians looked at the tragic decline in this field, they would point to the Treasury circular of September 19, 1919. Since then the grip of the Treasury had been fastened around the throat of every other department and since then the Government had been ruled by the Treasury.

The Treasury was made up of a bunch of promoted bank clerks who thought that they were mandarins. The attitude of this dominant department to science was that it could only be justified in terms of short-term achievements.

Ministers may make appeals

The Government was ready to consider making appeals for clemency for some of those under sentence of death in South Africa if the crime was clearly political and there were extenuating circumstances or where there were strong humanitarian grounds for doing so, Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said.

Miss Alice Mahon (Halifax, Lab) said that ministers should make strong representations on behalf of the fifty people still on "death row" in South Africa because the House had rejected capital punishment.

Mrs Chalker said that inquiries were made into every case that came up. In one particular case, to which she thought Miss Mahon might be referring, two passengers in a car had been shot dead. That was clearly a criminal act.

Mr John Carlisle (Luton North, C) said that the crimes of the "Sharpeville Six" were quite horrendous, involving the pouring of petrol over a man and setting light to it.

Mrs Chalker did not believe that it would be appropriate to make representations on that case until the result of an appeal judgement was known.

Renton defends his decision to deport Norwegian as 'illegal immigrant'

'LARSEN' CASE

The Government rejected repeated Opposition claims that a man who said that he was a British intelligence officer being "put out in the cold" by being deported to Norway had, in fact, worked for South African and other countries' security services.

During noisy exchanges in the Commons, Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Home Office, said that the man — who called himself Frank Larsen but was really Viggo Oerbak — was being deported because "it is a question simply of treating him as an illegal entrant".

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab), who raised the issue as a private notice question, asserted that the man was "undoubtedly involved with the South African security service" (Conservative protests).

Mr Renton told the House that Mr Oerbak was a Norwegian citizen with criminal convictions in his own country.

The Home Office had produced fingerprint evidence from Norwegian police to the High Court hearing his case for leave to move for judicial review against a decision that he was an illegal entrant to Britain. The court had been satisfied as to his identity.

Mr Timothy Renton: "The courts are satisfied".

"Mr Oerbak originally arrived in the United Kingdom in 1982 in a false Norwegian identity. He subsequently claimed yet a further false identity in the name of John William Pearson Lewes Parker, a British national (laughter).

"In view of this unlawful entry to the United Kingdom and the fact that he has no claim to remain, Mr Oerbak is being removed to Oslo today (loud Conservative cheers).

"His removal has already been deferred to enable him to pursue his application to move for judicial review of the decision to treat him as an illegal entrant.

"In view of the fact that this application has been unhesitatingly — the judge's words — dismissed, the way is now clear for Mr Oerbak's removal to proceed. We see no reason for this to be further delayed" (loud Conservative cheers).

Mr Winnick wanted to know why, since Larsen/Oerbak had been involved in trying to kidnap members of the African National Congress in London, and other illegal matters, the case was not being proceeded with in court.

He contended that it was because Mr Oerbak had become such an embarrassment to the British Government that he was "being sent off very quickly".

Would someone who had acted for the Soviet security service have been allowed out without action if he had no diplomatic status?

He said that there was concern at the close co-operation between British and South African services and asserted that Labour MPs remained most dissatisfied with the way this case had been handled (Labour cheers).

Mr Renton countered, to Conservative cheers, that Mr Winnick's remarks were "totally incomprehensible".

The Government had not been told of any evidence of any involvement in the case of South African Government agencies. The matter had proceeded in the courts. The Divisional Court had totally dismissed his application for leave to be given for judicial review.

He said later that Mr Winnick was engaging in a wild goose chase.

Mr Simon Hughes (Bermondsey, Southwark, L) pressed Mr Renton to answer the question which he said the Attorney General had not answered: was there evidence that now, or at any time, Mr Oerbak had been engaged by British, South African or other security forces? — "any evidence at all".

Mr Renton repeated the Attorney General's remarks of October 23 to the effect that he (Sir Patrick) had been advised that none of the defendants in the case in which Oerbak was involved had at any time been employed in any capacity by any security or intelligence services.

Hong Kong camps worry the House

FOREIGN OFFICE

Concern about the plight of the 9,000 Vietnamese refugees in Hong Kong was voiced on all sides at question time by MPs who urged the British Government to redouble its efforts to help them.

Sir Russell Johnston, Liberal spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, said that, with the resettlement of 2,400 refugees a year and an inflow that was higher than that, they were never going to get anywhere near the solution of this problem in the way that it was being approached.

"There are some 1,200 children in Hong Kong who have never seen anything else but the inside of a camp. That is a major disgrace which the British Government, because of its responsibility for Hong Kong, has a special duty to act upon."

Mr Timothy Eggar, Under Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said that the Government was urging other countries to follow its example by being prepared to accept more refugees for resettlement.

Mr Winston Churchill (Davyhulme, C) said that he had recently returned from one of the closed camps. "It is time that the Government redoubled its efforts in order to secure the placement of these refugees.

No fewer than 3,000 of them were in closed camps, behind barbed wire. Many had been there for five years with no prospect of being resettled.

"That is a frightful situation when one considers that these are refugees from totalitarian oppression."

Earlier, Mr Richard Alexander (Newark, C) said that, of the 9,000 refugees in Hong Kong, only about 2,000 were likely to be resettled this year.

"Bearing in mind that those who had been resettled here had been no trouble and that this must be one of the most appalling tragedies of our time, would it not be possible to relax the family relations criteria and allow families to come and settle here?"

Mr Eggar said that the United Kingdom had a good record, having accepted nearly 20,000 Indo-Chinese refugees since 1975 and about 13,000 Vietnamese from Hong Kong.

"We did announce in May that we would be prepared to accept 468 from Hong Kong. I do not think we can announce any further moves at the present time."

UN should 'take lead in Gulf'

The United Kingdom ought to take the lead in a concerted effort to stop the war in the Gulf, Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, said during question time in the Commons.

He asked whether the Government would take the initiative, in collaboration with members of the EEC, the US,Russia and China, in sponsoring a resolution in the United Nations for a an arms embargo, coupled with a UN naval contingent in the Gulf.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, said that all 12 members of the EEC, and more specifically the seven members of the Western European Union, were engaged in maintaining freedom of navigation in the Gulf.

The proposal for a UN naval force was not one that the Government regarded as sensible.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Prime Minister. Motion on Housing Benefit (General) Regulations.

Lords (3): Criminal Justice Bill, report stage, second day.

Battle raging for the select committee chairmanships

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Whips have had their fingers burnt. Former ministers and senior backbenchers have had hopes dashed. New MPs are being assiduously courted in the corridors and tea rooms of Westminster. The behind-the-scenes battles for chairmanships of the all-party select committees rage.

The chairmanships are unpaid posts. However they are "high profile". They give the holders clout and prestige, direct access to ministers and priority in Commons debates. They are invited to pontificate on the burning issues of the day on radio and television.

Dismissed ministers have been known to regard them as pleasant sinecures not too far removed from the public eye, while whips have on occasion mistakenly believed that they can give them to loyal "yes-men" as a token of their appreciation.

In short, they are much sought after, and the struggles for the votes of committee colleagues at the beginning of each new Parliament can be fierce. This time is no exception.

On the trade and industry committee, for example, the whips have already attempted to oust the affable Mr Ken Warren, chairman throughout the last Parliament, and replace him with Sir Anthony Grant, a former minister who had not previously served on the committee.

The attempt has failed. Mr Warren is understood to have had a furious row with his whips. What tipped the balance was when the whips heard that other Tory members on the committee backed Mr Warren and would support no one else.

The most keenly contested above-board contest is for the chairmanship of the education committee, where Mr Timothy Raison, a former minister and newcomer to the committee, is fighting Sir Gerard Vaughan, another former minister, and Mr Harry Greenway.

The remaining Tory members are being unashamedly canvassed, as are Labour members of the committee in case the Tories fail to agree.

Mr Raison is highly thought of, but there is resentment at former ministers being "parachuted in". Sir Gerard will probably get it, though he had a poor attendance record in the last Parliament.

On the employment committee, Tories have encouraged Mr Greville Janner to run against the unpopular Mr Ron Leighton for a chairmanship which has been allocated to Labour, although Mr Janner has not indicated that he is prepared to do so.

However, on the home affairs committee the four Labour members have made clear that they do not want Mr Ivor Stanbrook, whom they consider too right wing, and their votes, with those of one or two Tories, will be enough to give the job to Mr John Wheeler.

Labour whips have had to abandon plans to make Mrs Audrey Wise, a member of the hard-left Campaign Group with little relevant experience, chairman of the social services committee following a near-revolt by Tory members. The job is now likely to go to Mr Frank Field.

Mr Jerry Wiggin, another former minister, looks likely to get the agriculture chairmanship despite not having served on the committee before, but he must first beat off rearguard actions by two existing members, Mr John Carlisle and Mr Paul Marland.

The foreign affairs committee enjoys the happy combination in Mr David Howell of a former minister who has already served for some years.

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Criminal Justice Bill

Proposals to reform extradition law approved

The following report of the Lords debate on the Criminal Justice Bill appeared in some later editions of this newspaper yesterday.

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Government's proposals for reforming the extradition laws were approved by the House of Lords.

An attempt by Labour and Alliance peers to retain the requirement for a foreign state claiming back an alleged criminal to present prima facie evidence to a British court was defeated during the report stage of the Bill by 194 votes to 121 — Government majority, 73.

Lord Irvine of Lairg, an Opposition legal affairs spokesman, moved the unsuccessful amendment. He said that it was a very grave thing to send a man or woman to face trial in a strange country, whose language they did not speak and where they had no friends or lawyer to offer advice.

It was almost inconceivable to do so without at least a judicial examination of the evidence.

"There can be no serious denial that the prima facie requirement is an important civil liberty and it is being taken away. A number of Continental countries want extradition on demand. They do not want the English courts to decide whether there is a case to answer and the Government is weakly yielding to them.

"I forecast that no judicial review will ever succeed because the only issue will be whether the minister read the representations and thought about them. This remedy is no substitute for the prima facie safeguard. It is a sham and should be rejected."

Lord Hutchinson of Lullington (SDP) said that the Government proposal was remarkable and revolutionary. There would be no public presentation of the facts, there would be no review by any court of those facts and there would be no opportunity for the accused to test or contradict those facts.

All the amendment sought was to ensure that no one was despatched to stand trial under an unfamiliar system without a public judicial investigation of the reliability and sufficiency of the evidence.

Lord Mishcon, for the Opposition, said that the proposal was the start of a slippery slope. It was being done out of co-operation and friendship with our partners in the European Community. But what if other countries demanded changes in our procedures?

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, said that the extradition procedure started with a judicial act in a foreign state, when a judicial warrant was issued as part of a criminal process of that state. It was not started by a foreign government.

Lord Mackay: Seeking to establish a principle.

Before the requirement of prima facie evidence was dispensed with there had to be a mutual recognition between the United Kingdom and the foreign state, that the system of justice in that foreign state was sufficiently acceptable.

They were seeking to establish an important principle on international co-operation against crime. This "recognized the strength of other people's legal systems as well as our own".

He undertook to look again at a Government amendment which stated that a judicial review may not be granted in respect of an order on the ground that the Secretary of State had not had before him evidence sufficient to justify making the order. He accepted that it might be necessary to clarify the point so as to avoid ambiguity.

After the Opposition amendment had been rejected, new Government amendments detailing the rights of persons for whom extradition orders were sought, were agreed without a division.

Lord Hutchinson of Lullington (SDP), moved an amendment concerning the problem of extraditing a suspect to any of the United States that have the death penalty. He said that at present the Government could only convey its wishes to the relevant state that it did not want the death penalty carried out on a criminal extradited from Britain. His amendment would require the state to give an undertaking not to execute the criminal.

Lord Mackay said that the United States had not been able to give an undertaking that a state would not execute an extradited prisoner.

Peers agreed to return to the issue at the third reading and withdrew the amendment.

A proposal to extend to any criminal trial the use as evidence of video recordings of interviews with children under 14, was not pressed when Lord Silkin of Dulwich (Lab) said that the Opposition and Government were moving sensibly towards one another.

Lord Paget of Northampton (Lab) proposed a further amendment limiting the use of video interviews to exceptional cases and with a right for the accused to require the attendance of the child for cross examination. This was also withdrawn.

The Earl of Caithness, Minister of State, Home Office, said that, while sympathizing with the objectives of the amendments, the Government felt that they could make matters worse for the children. First the youngsters would have to make the video interview and then face being cross examined on it months later.

The situation would be helped, he said, by a Government amendment abolishing the requirement of corroboration for unsworn evidence of children.

This amendment was agreed.

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Radiation exposure levels should be cut in half, board says

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Safety regulations for protecting the public against exposure to radiation from the nuclear industry and other man-made sources are to be tightened by the Government.

The decision comes after advice from the National Radiological Protection Board that the risks of fatal cancer from low levels of radiation have been underestimated.

The new figures call for the permitted safe level of exposure to the general public to be halved. The safe dose limit for workers would be cut by two thirds, if the advice of the protection board is adopted.

The Health and Safety Commission, the government organization with responsibility for the regulations covering radiation, said yesterday it was re-examining controls in light of the advice from the board. The basis of the new calculations of risk were published yesterday.

Dr Roger Clarke, the board director, said that estimates of the levels of risk associated with exposure to radiation were rising, and the board considered that an increase of a factor of two or three should be anticipated for protection purposes.

The recognition of the need for lower limits of exposure came from the latest analysis of the risks of fatal cancer in the long-term studies of the survivors of the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Dr Clarke said that any industrial activity involved risks, which varied between a few in a million per year in shops and offices to more than 100 per million per year in coal mining. "There is no simple single dividing line to distinguish between risks which are clearly acceptable and those that are clearly unacceptable."

He explained why, in the board's view, the latest figures made the existing safety levels verge on the unacceptable.

The report showed that the present occupational exposure limit, of 50 milli-sieverts a year, involved a risk of one in 2,000 a year for workers who reached that level of exposure. With the new risk estimates, that figure was now one in 700 a year.

Dr Clarke said the board had assessed the significance of the change in the risks of fatal cancer by applying the judgement of a Royal Society study into what constituted a tolerable risk. It had concluded that, for someone of normal life expectancy, a continuing risk of some sort of one in 100 a year was clearly unacceptable. An individual would be almost certain to die from that cause.

A risk of one in a 1,000 a year might be acceptable if an individual understood the situation, enjoyed some benefits, and knew everything reasonable was being done to reduce the risk.

The new occupational risk estimates from radiation were now greater than that one in 1,000 figure, Dr Clarke said, which prompted the advice for a review of the safety limits.

The same argument applied to risks to the general public from the discharge of radioactive wastes from nuclear installations.

For members of the general public living near sources of radioactive effluent discharge, Dr Clarke said the levels of exposure should not exceed 0.5 milli-sieverts a year.

Model of a minister meets his match

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, came face to face with himself yesterday in the form of an 18-inch model.

It was lovingly crafted from papier mâché by Selina Kirkley, aged five, a pupil at Yewdale Primary School, Carlisle, Cumbria.

Selina, who was presented with a prize for her work by Mr Baker at the Cadbury National Exhibition of Children's Art at Central Hall, Westminster, was only four years old when she made the model.

The judges agreed that she had got most of the details right — especially the Secretary of State's instantly recognizable black-framed spectacles.

The unruly mop of wool hair crowning the model prompted Sir Adrian Cadbury to remark that it looked rather like Sir Keith Joseph — Mr Baker's predecessor at the Department of Education and Science.

Mr Baker, opening the exhibition, which also has a poetry section, said that children's verse was undergoing a resurgence.

He quoted a poem by David Winterfield, aged six, from Gwent, on folk dancing:

"I do dancing to the music
I dream music
And I dance in bed".

Mr Baker said: "I think that's rather imaginative".

Mr Baker with Selina and her prize model yesterday (Photograph: Stephen Markeson).

BBC radio services threatened by strike

BBC radio programmes may be disrupted today when production assistants stage a 24-hour strike over a regrading pay offer. They say the "contemptible" offer imposed by the BBC gives them rises of £5 to £12 a week before tax.

They are also angry that the BBC is refusing to negotiate over the offer's implementation with their union, the Broadcasting and Entertainment Trades Alliance, at Acas, the conciliation service.

The walkout by the 400 production assistants will affect all BBC Radio, including External Services, but not local radio. The dispute began in 1983 when production secretaries were regraded to production assistants and came to a head last month when the BBC imposed the offer, which had been rejected by the union.

● Joan Bakewell, the television arts reporter dropped by the BBC in a recent staff shake-up, said yesterday that she is rejoining the corporation as a presenter of religious documentaries. She takes over the BBC1 series, *The Heart of The Matter*.

● Gus Macdonald, director of programmes for Scottish TV and television's first viewers' "ombudsman", is giving up his job as presenter of Channel 4's *Right to Reply*, it was disclosed yesterday.

Surplus teachers have cost £430m

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Most local education authorities have made commendable progress in removing surplus school places but have been slow in cutting surplus teachers, the all-party Commons Public Accounts committee reported yesterday.

They had saved nearly £1 billion over four years by reducing pupil places, but surplus teachers had cost about £430 million.

The Tory-controlled committee also criticized the rate support grant mechanism, by which the Department of Education sought to influence the actions of the authorities, as a "crude instrument" which did not always reward the prudent or punish the extravagant.

The report says local authorities had almost achieved the department's target of cutting 1,125,000 places by March this year, in line with falling school rolls.

However, while progress had been made by most authorities, a number had taken little action, and some none at all. The department had to put pressure on those unnamed authorities to act.

It had set local authorities a further target of cutting 844,000 places by 1991-92, principally in secondary schools, but that would still leave a surplus of another 1.1 million places, which at last year's prices would cost at least £150 million a year to maintain.

The substantial sums involved underlined the need for "vigorous action" to achieve the targets.

However, the authorities had failed to cut surplus teachers at a rate believed reasonable by the department.

In the four years to 1984-85, that had meant extra costs of £430 million. The report said that part of the blame lay with the department itself, which had relaxed pressure on the authorities by repeatedly modifying targets.

The report adds that while the rate support grant mechanism "bites on the authority which fails to remove surplus places or reduce teacher numbers in line with the department's assumptions, it does not always help the prudent, nor bear harshly on the extravagant".

The mechanism was also far too inflexible. An authority which had failed to close a school because, for example, parental opposition had been supported by the secretary of state, still lost the grant as if the school had been closed.

"As an instrument for the purposes of attaining agreed policy objectives, the mechanism is therefore fairly crude", the report said.

Falling School Rolls, Public Accounts Committee (Stationery Office; £4.20).

Money for schools cut 20%, Labour claims

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Government spending on education has declined by 20 per cent in real terms, according to Mr Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman.

He said yesterday that, although the Government maintained that spending on education had gone up since it came to power in 1979, figures prepared for him by the House of Commons Statistical Section showed that it was local authorities who had spent more, not central government.

For every pound spent by local authorities in 1979 they were now spending, in real terms, £1.35 while for every pound spent by central Government in 1979, less than 80 pence is spent in real terms now.

"Much of the increase in spending per pupil that we see now is due not to an improvement in education's economic status but to the falling rolls in schools", Mr Straw said.

But he refused to indicate how much more a Labour Government would be prepared to spend to close the gap between council and government spending. "I can't say what the landscape will be like in three years", he said.

He blamed Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, for causing overspending in some local authorities by delaying decisions on school reorganization plans.

Grants boost for farm enterprises

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Farmers planning new enterprises will be able to claim a quarter of their total investment, up to £35,000, in grants under a government scheme announced yesterday.

The grants, available only to farmers dependent on the farm for at least half their income, will include activities such as the processing of farm produce and timber, craft workshops, repair and renovation of farm machinery, farm shops, pick-your-own sites, holiday accommodation, camping and caravan sites, barn conversions, tearooms and restaurants, sports facilities, museums, and livery for horses and ponies.

Mr John Gummer, Minister for Agriculture, said yesterday that £3 million had been allotted to the scheme for the first year, and the Government would await a response before deciding whether to provide further funds.

"Though not all farmers will want to diversify, it is a way of introducing new sources of income on to the farm", he said.

"It can also mean creating new employment and ensuring that land and buildings which may be standing idle are put to good and profitable use."

Mr Gummer said the new grants would enable farmers to cope with a new world of surpluses rather than shortages.

● Plans for a network of 75 barns converted into cheap shelters for walkers in Britain's most remote and beautiful areas were announced by the Countryside Commission yesterday. The Youth Hostels Association will offer barn owners advice on conversion, planning permission and grants.

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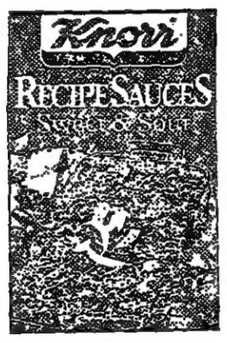

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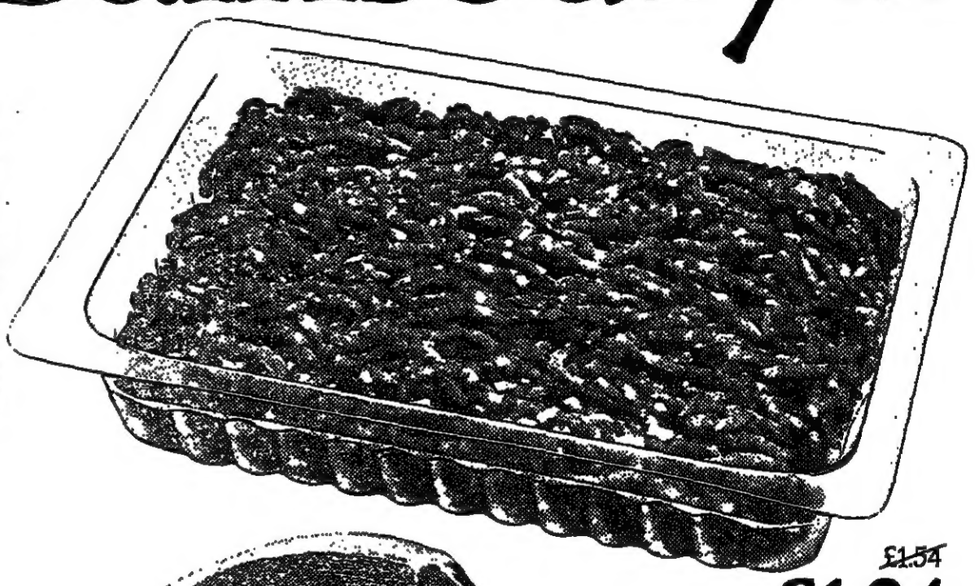

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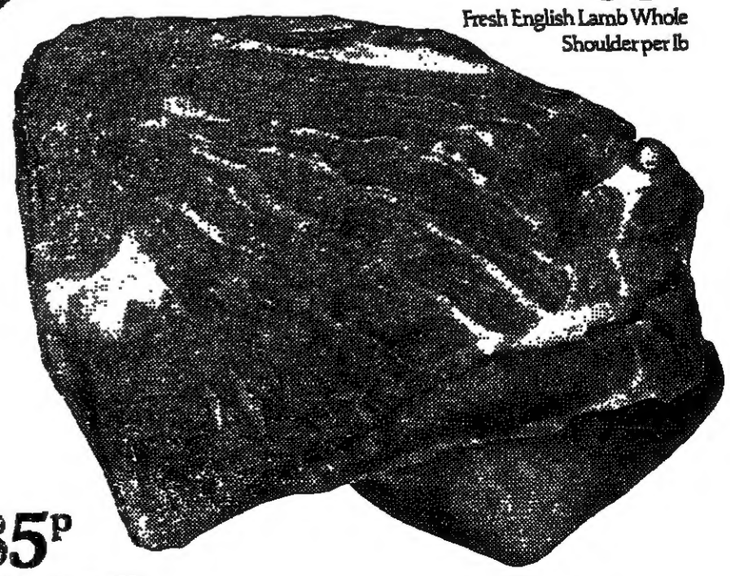

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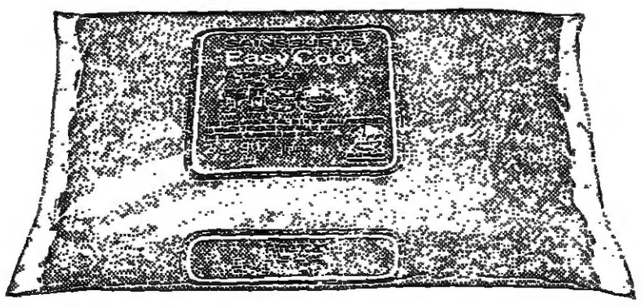

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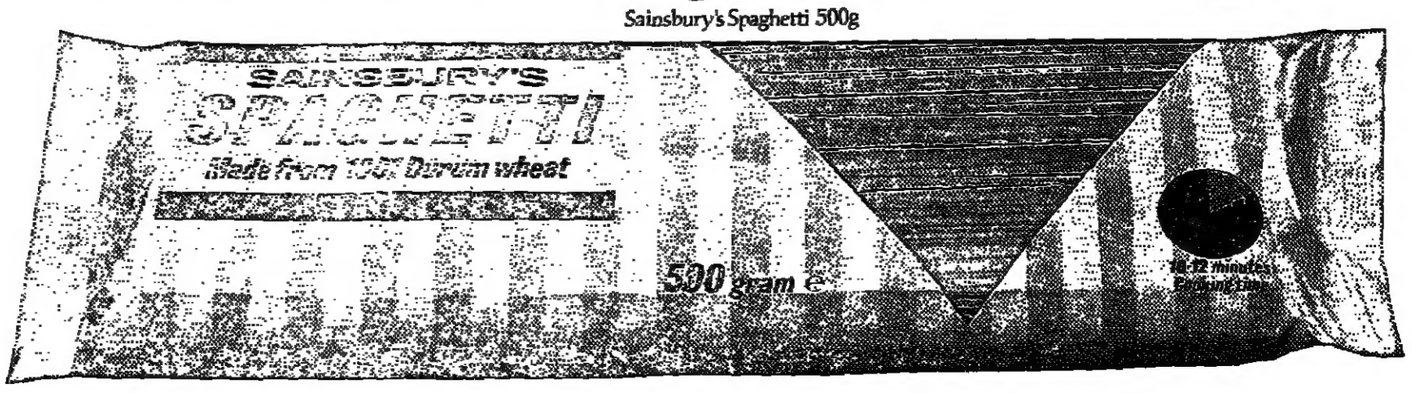

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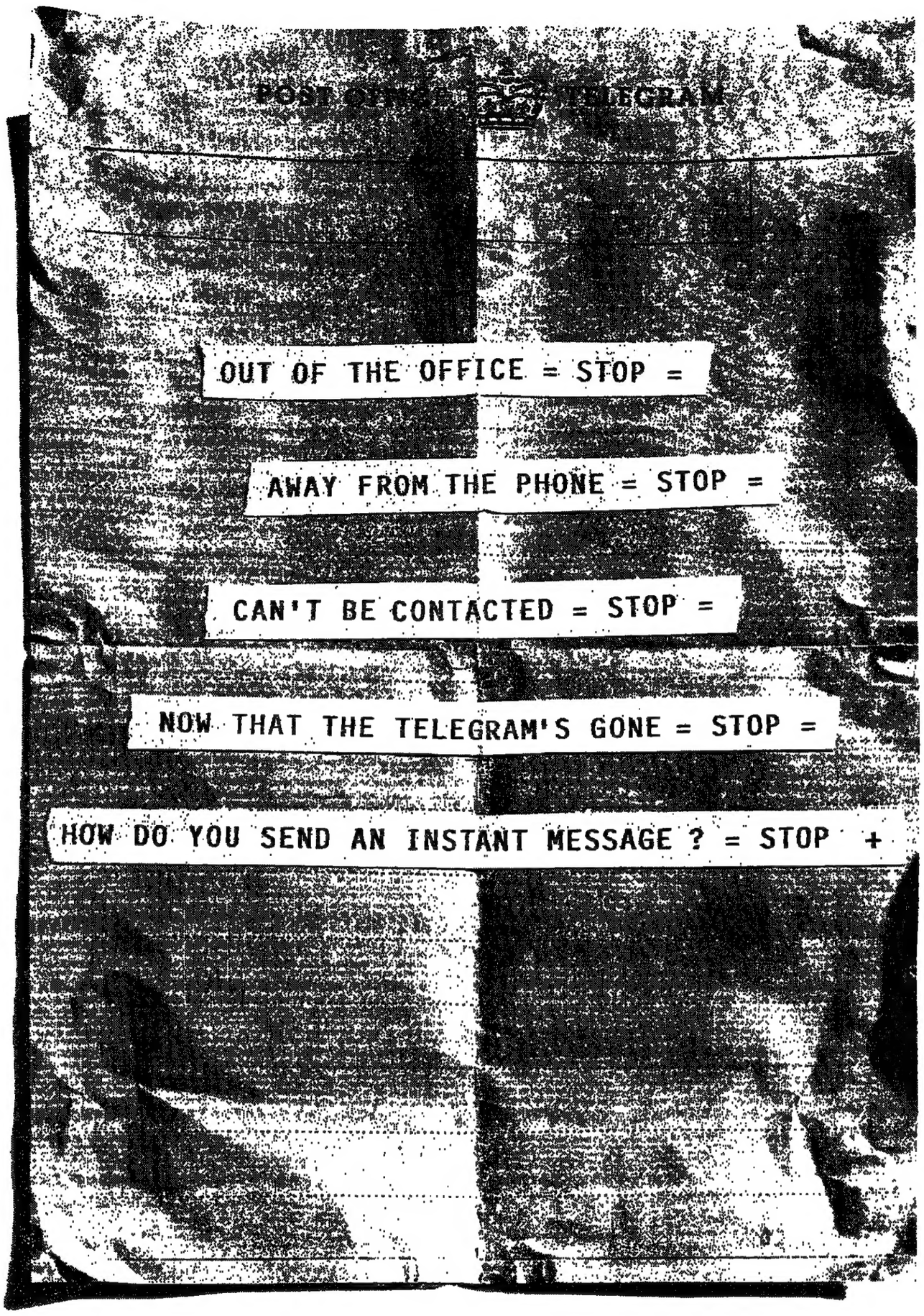

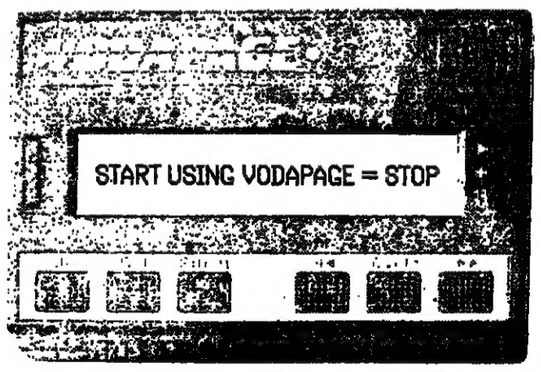

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WORLD SUMMARY

Palestinian seeks church sanctuary

Jerusalem – A Palestinian who campaigns actively for the use of non-violent protests against Israel is seeking sanctuary in a church, synagogue or mosque to prevent his expulsion (Ian Murray writes).

Mr Mubarak Awad, a Jerusalem-born Christian with American citizenship, has been told he must leave by midnight tomorrow because his three-month tourist visa will not be extended. The American Embassy in Tel Aviv is urgently seeking clarification of the ruling, which says that Mr Awad has forfeited his status as a local resident because of his prolonged absence in the United States, where he lived for 15 years.

Mr Awad, who wrote a book advocating non-violent protest, is preparing for the worst. In keeping with his belief that the use of force is wrong, he is seeking a sanctuary. "If they want to get rid of me, they will have to drag me out by force," he said. "But I will take a plane to Cyprus and get a small boat and sail back. I promise them I will return."

Ransom change

Estepona, Spain – A lawyer for the family of Melodie Nakachian, the kidnapped five-year-old daughter of the Korean singer Princess Kimera, said here yesterday the case had "entered a new phase" since the reduction of the ransom demand from £7.6 million to £2.9 million (Harry Debelius writes).

The kidnappers, who have threatened to stop giving food and liquids to their hostage, contacted her wealthy British-born father again here, less than a day after cutting the ransom demand.

● **ARDORE:** An Italian businessman, Signor Domenico Varacalli, kidnapped in May, was freed near this southern Italian town after his family paid a substantial ransom, police said (Reuter reports).

Hopes on INF deal

Geneva (Reuter) – Top US and Soviet nuclear arms negotiators ended three days of tough bargaining here, saying a treaty would be signed on schedule at the summit next month despite a daunting list of outstanding problems.

All public statements by the Soviet negotiator, Mr Yuli Vorontsov, and his American counterpart, Mr Max Kampelman, emphasized that the pact to scrap some 1,000 intermediate-range forces (INF) would be completed by the summit in Washington on December 7 to December 10. "Work on the treaty, a document of some 120 pages, is in the final stage," Mr Vorontsov said in a TV interview, "and should be completed by November 23."

Aboriginal deaths

Sydney – Three more Aborigines have died in police custody, at least one in suspicious circumstances, less than a week after a commission of inquiry began investigating about 70 similar deaths since 1980 (Keith Dalton writes).

The deaths, including that of a man aged 25 found hanging in his cell with wire loose around his neck, coincide with an ambitious £80m government programme to boost aboriginal employment. Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, said: "Australia has few problems as tragic and complex as the persistent poverty in which most Aborigines live".

Bhopal hearing

Delhi – The Indian Government and the Union Carbide chemical company have failed to agree on an out-of-court compensation settlement for the people affected by the world's worst industrial accident at Bhopal in December 1985, when more than 2,500 people died (Michael Hamlyn writes).

Mr M.A. Deo, a district court judge in Bhopal, gave until yesterday for a settlement to be agreed. When he was told the parties had not been able to come to terms, he said he would begin proceedings on Friday week.

Radiation all-clear

Vienna (Reuter) – The International Atomic Energy Agency said yesterday that Iraqi raids on an unfinished Iranian atomic plant could not create significant radiation danger for the public.

The United Nations agency also said that it had reached a preliminary decision to reject Iran's request that it condemn the air raids which occurred on Tuesday, and send a team of experts to the Beshehr plant to assess the damage. It added, however, that it was prepared to offer assistance if Tehran gave more information.

Killer's body shown

Harare – The body of Richard Gwesela lay yesterday inside an aluminium "body box" in the car park of the Gweru police station in Zimbabwe's Midlands while thousands queued silently to bear witness (Jan Raath writes).

Gwesela was reputed, with his gang of about four, to have killed more than 70 people, five of them white farmers, this year. He had developed a mystique of invincibility. A special task force infiltrated into the Chemagora area, 100 miles west of Harare, shot him dead. His body has been displayed to try to quash the myth of invincibility.

Anti-racist brings message to Le Pen recruiting ground

From Philip Jacobson, Marseilles

France's best-known advocate of racial harmony came to the country's most tense and troubled city yesterday with an uncompromising message.

"Your immigrants are here to stay," M Harlem Désir, president of the SOS-Racisme organization, said. "Integrating them might not be easy, but it can be done and it must be done, even in the more explosive situations."

As M Désir, an articulate 27-year-old of French West Indian origin, is well aware, Marseilles qualifies unhesitatingly in that respect. Its population of about one million includes an estimated 175,000 foreigners, the overwhelming majority of whom are from North Africa.

No other city in France houses such a concentration of immigrants and nowhere else is there greater support for M Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front, with its raw and unconcealed hostility to the non-white community.

Before M Désir arrived yesterday, I spent some time in one of the areas he was due to visit in the decaying northern suburbs. Most of the city's Arab community live there in high-rise public housing estates, cheek by jowl with the white working classes who provide the National Front's most fervent supporters.

The strains and stresses are there for all to see, from ugly graffiti – "Out with Arab filth"; "NF – Nazi Fascist" – to the bitterness which can suddenly boil to the surface on both sides of the racial divide.

M Le Pen's followers in Marseilles do not appear to have lost any ground at all since taking almost 23 per cent of the vote in the 1986 parliamentary election. Indeed, some shrewd local observers believe that the National Front is now first choice for about 30 per cent of the city's voters.

Talking to white residents, one soon understands why this is such fertile ground for M Le Pen's heady brand of nationalism. Every conversation eventually turns to "them", the Arabs in the northern suburbs. The refrain is unchanging; there are too many of them, they take too much off social welfare, they are too noisy, too cocky, too foreign.

One middle-aged couple, Marseilles-born and bred, owners of a small dry-cleaning business, insisted on conducting me around the area of Le Canebière, the main street cutting down through the heart of the city to the old port. Shop after shop, stall after stall, are now run by North Africans. The sounds, the sights, are overwhelmingly Arabic.

"To be honest, this frightens and sickens us," said my guides. "Wherever we look, day or night, there they are."

For SOS-Racisme, the greatest fear of all, here in Marseilles and wherever large numbers of North Africans exist uneasily beside suspicious and resentful white communities, is that the National Front's electorate will continue to grow until it becomes impossible to "marginalize" it.

With the coming presidential elections very much in mind, M Désir and his multiracial colleagues are now putting the final touches to what they hope will provide a crushing response to "racism and xenophobia" with a vast national rally in Paris at the end of this month.

Waldheim supporters quit

Herr Graff announcing his resignation yesterday over a remark about Dr Waldheim quoted in a French magazine.

Vienna (Reuter) – A leading supporter of President Kurt Waldheim of Austria resigned yesterday after a row over a comment that he made about Dr Waldheim's wartime activities.

Herr Michael Graff quit as General Secretary of the conservative People's Party. He had been quoted in the latest edition of the French magazine *l'Express* as saying: "So long as it is not proven that (Dr Waldheim) strangled six Jews with his own hands, no problem."

A second conservative politician, Herr Carl Hoedl, the deputy mayor of Linz, also resigned yesterday after comparing the campaign against Dr Waldheim by the World Jewish Congress, which accuses him of war crimes, to the Jews' treatment of Christ.

Herr Hoedl, also a member of the People's Party, made the comparison in a letter earlier this year to Mr Edgar Bronfman, WJC president.

Herr Graff's comments to *l'Express* brought protests from across the Austrian political spectrum. Herr Franz Vranitzky, the Socialist Chancellor, said they went beyond acceptable limits, while Dr Waldheim commented: "This incident should remind us once again that human dignity must be the highest criterion for all our words and deeds."

Herr Graff, aged 50, apologized and told a press conference: "One cannot demand political responsibility from other people and not demand it from oneself."

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Unrest in East Europe

Factory workers take on the party

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Evidence of resistance by factory workers in Eastern Europe to recently introduced austerity programmes became evident yesterday when reports reached the West of a large anti-government demonstration in Romania. Meanwhile, demonstrations in Yugoslavia yesterday forced the authorities to make pay concessions.

At least 5,000 Romanian workers were said to have taken part in a demonstration on Sunday, prompted by government measures to cut fuel allocations.

Angry crowds in the town of Brasov, a big industrial city in central Romania with a large population of ethnic Germans, chanted "We want bread" and burnt pictures of President Ceausescu.

Workers in the Red Flag tractor factory, a showpiece of Romanian industry, downed tools and marched on the Communist Party's local headquarters. Thousands of others joined the protest against food shortages, compulsory Sunday working and new restrictions on gas and electricity supplies.

The headquarters were invaded and crowds hurled telephones, chairs and files into the street, where a bonfire was made of Romanian flags and official portraits.

Goverment militia in full riot gear arrived on the scene three hours later

Western diplomats considered the protest exceptional in a country noted for the passivity of its public. Although there were limited protests against lack of food and heating last winter, they were on a much smaller scale.

The Romanian Foreign Minister, Mr Ioan Totu, who completed a three-day visit to Britain yesterday, was urged to liberalize some of his country's regulations.

Meanwhile, in Yugoslavia's poorest republic, Macedonia, workers won some concessions after making a renewed challenge to the Government's austerity programme.

More than 1,000 aluminium workers paraded in Skopje, the republic's capital, to demand pay increases matching the 71 per cent granted previously to steel foundry workers. After marching on the regional parliament and holding three hours of talks with officials, they were granted a substantial part of their demands.

In the Macedonian town of Prilep, 1,500 workers from a wood-processing plant demonstrated against low wages.

● **WARSAW:** The Polish Communist Party leadership yesterday made public its proposals for political reforms that would provide constitutional guarantees for private property, make elections more competitive, ease restrictions on forming associations and open up more managerial posts to non-party members (A Correspondent writes).

The document is to be presented for approval to the party's Central Committee at a plenum scheduled for November 25, four days before a referendum called by the Government to rally public support for its reforms.

IRAN-CONTRA REPORT

Reagan 'must bear the ultimate responsibility'

How report sees role of the President

Following is the text of the key passage in the 690-page congressional Iran-Contra affair report dealing with President Reagan and his advisers.

Who was responsible for the Iran-Contra affair? Part of our mandate was to answer that question, not in a legal sense (which is the responsibility of the independent counsel) but in order to reaffirm that those who serve the Government are accountable for their actions. Based on our investigation, we reach the following conclusions.

At the operational level, the central figure in the Iran-Contra affair was Lieutenant-Colonel North, who co-ordinated all of the activities and was involved in all aspects of the secret operations. North, however, did not act alone.

North's conduct had the express approval of Admiral John Poindexter, first as Deputy National Security Adviser, and then as National Security Adviser.

North also had at least the tacit support of Robert McFarlane, who served as National Security Adviser until December, 1985.

In addition, for reasons cited earlier, we believe that the late Director of Central Intelligence, William Casey, encouraged North, gave him direction and promoted the concept of an extra-legal covert organization. Casey, for the most part, insulated CIA career employees from knowledge of what he and the NSC (National Security Council) staff were doing.

Casey's passion for covert operations — dating back to his World War Two intelligence days — was well-known. His close relationship with North was attested to by several witnesses. Further, it

What may aptly becalled the 'cabal of the zealots' was in charge

was Casey who brought Richard Secord into the secret operation, and it was Secord who, with Albert Hakim (arms dealer), organized the enterprise.

These facts provide strong reasons to believe that Casey was involved both with the diversion and with the plans for an "off-the-shelf" covert capacity.

The committees are mindful, however, of the fact that the evidence concerning Casey's role comes almost solely from North; that this evidence, albeit under oath, was used by North to exculpate himself; and that Casey could not respond. Although North told the committees that Casey knew of the division from the start, he told a different story to the Attorney-General in November, 1986, as did Casey himself.

Only one other witness, Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Earl, testified that he had been told by North during Casey's lifetime that Casey knew of the diversion.

The Attorney-General recognized on November 21, 1986, the need for an inquiry. His staff was responsible for finding the diversion memorandum, which the Attorney-General promptly made public. But as described earlier, his fact-finding inquiry departed from standard investigative techniques. The Attorney-General saw Director Casey hours after the Attorney-General learnt of the diversion memorandum, yet he testified that he never asked Casey about the diversion. He waited two days to speak to Poindexter, North's superior, and then did not ask him what the President knew. He waited too long to seal North's offices. These lapses placed a cloud over the Attorney-General's investigation.

There is no evidence that the Vice-President was aware of the diversion. The Vice-President attended several meetings on the Iran initiative, but none of the participants could recall his views.

The Vice-President said he did not know of the Contra resupply operation.

His National Security Adviser, Donald Gregg, was told in early August, 1986, by a former colleague that North was running the Contra resupply operation, and that ex-associates of Edwin Wilson — a well known ex-CIA official convicted of selling arms to Libya and plotting the murder of his prosecutors — were involved in the operation. Gregg testified that he did not consider these facts worthy of the Vice-President's attention and did not report them to him, even after the Hasenfus airplane was shot down and the Administration had denied any connection with it.

The central remaining question is the role of the President in the Iran-Contra affair. On this critical point, the shredding of documents by Poindexter, North and others, and the death of Casey, leave the record incomplete.

As it stands, the President has publicly stated that he did not know of the diversion. Poindexter testified that he shielded the President from knowledge of the diversion. North said that he never told the President, but assumed that the President knew. Poindexter told North on November 21, 1986, that he had not informed the President of the diversion. Secord testified that North told him he had talked with the President about the diversion, but North testified that he had fabricated this story to bolster Secord's morale.

Nevertheless, the ultimate responsbility for the events in

Colonel North, who co-ordinated all of the activities . . . did not act alone

the Iran-Contra affair must rest with the President. If the President did not know what his National Security Advisers were doing, he should have. It is his responsbility to communicate unambiguously to his subordinates that they must keep him advised of important actions they take for the Administration. The Constitution requires the President to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed". This charge encompasses a responsibility to leave the members of his Administration in no doubt that the rule of law governs.

Members of the NSC staff appeared to believe that their actions were consistent with the President's desires. It was the President's policy — not an isolated decision by North or Poindexter — to sell arms secretly to Iran and to maintain the Contras "body and soul", the Boland Amendment (to the Constitution) notwithstanding. To the NSC staff, implementation of these policies became the overriding concern.

Several of the President's advisers pursued a covert action to support the Contras, in disregard of the Boland Amendment and of several statutes and executive orders requiring congressional notification. Several of these same advisers lied, shredded documents and covered up their actions. These facts have been on the public record for months. The actions of those individuals do not comport with the notion of a country guided by the rule of law. But the President has yet to condemn their conduct.

The President himself told the public that the US Government had no connection to the Hasenfus airplane. He told the public that early reports of arms sales for hostages had "no foundation". He told the public that the United States had not traded arms for hostages. He told the public that the States had not condoned the arms sales by Israel to Iran, when in fact he had approved them and signed a finding, later destroyed by Poindexter, recording his approval. All of these statements by the President were wrong.

Thus, the question whether the President knew of the diversion is not conclusive on the issue of his responsibility. The President created or at least tolerated an environment where those who did know of the diversion believed with certainty that they were carrying out the President's policies.

This same environment enabled a secretary who shredded, smuggled, and altered documents to tell the committees that "sometimes you have to go above the written law"; and it enabled Admiral Poindexter to testify that "frankly, we were willing to take some risks with the law". It was in such an environment that former officials of the NSC staff and their private agents could lecture the committees that a "rightful cause" justifies any means, that lying to Congress and other officials in the executive branch itself is acceptable when the ends are just, and that Congress is to blame for

If the Government becomes a law-breaker, it breeds contempt for law

passing laws that run counter to Administration policy. What may aptly be called the "cabal of the zealots" was in charge.

In a constitutional democracy, it is not true, as one official maintained, that "when you take the king's shilling, you do the king's bidding". The idea of monarchy was rejected here 200 years ago and since then, the law — not any official or ideology — has been paramount. For not instilling this precept in his staff, for failing to take care that the law reigned supreme, the President bears the responsbility.

Fifty years ago Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis observed: "Our Government is the potent, the omnipresent teacher. For good or for ill, it teaches the whole people by its example. Crime is contagious. If the Government becomes a law-breaker, it breeds contempt for law, it invites every man to become a law unto himself, it invites anarchy." The Iran-Contra affair resulted from a failure to heed this message.

Secrecy, deception and disdain

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

The 690-page tome, entitled simply the Iran-Contra affair, concluded harshly that the common ingredients of the scandal were secrecy, deception and disdain for the law. A small group of senior officials had believed they alone knew what was right.

"They viewed knowledge of their actions by others in the Government as a threat to their objectives. They told neither the Secretary of State, the Congress nor the American people of their actions. When exposure was threatened they destroyed official documents and lied to cabinet officials, to the public and to elected representatives in Congress," it stated. It pointed to a "seriously flawed policy-making process". There was confusion and disarray in the highest levels of government. The affair was characterized by pervasive dishonesty and inordinate secrecy. Secrecy was an obsession.

The President's own muddled recollections are set out in graphic terms. First he said he had approved the initial Israeli shipments of US arms to Iran. Then he said he had not. Finally he said he did not know if he had approved them.

Even today officials disagreed on what had happened. It excused Congress's inconsistency in giving and witholding aid to the Nicaraguan Contras, saying it was a reflection of the "chameleon-like nature of the rationale offered for granting assistance in the first instance".

The Administration's pursuit of funds from private parties and third countries in pursuit of foreign policy goals was dangerous and improper. Such solicitations, when done secretly and without congressional authorization, created a risk that the foreign country would expect and demand something in return.

By circumventing Congress's power of the purse by obtaining third country and private contributions, the Administration had undermined a cardinal principle of the Constitution.

"Covert operations of this Government should only be directed and conducted by the trained professional services that are accountable to the President and Congress. Such operations should never be delegated to private citizens in order to evade governmental restrictions," it said.

It noted that when policy goals and the law collided, the law gave way. When Congress passed the Boland Amendments to stop covert aid to the Contras, the Administration raised funds from other sources. National Security Council staff controlled expenditure of those funds.

Under the heading, "Lack of accountability", the report said Congress was told almost nothing about the solicitation of Contra funds and what it was told was false. Deniability replaced accountability.

"The very premise of democracy is that we, the people, are entitled to make our own choices on fundamental policies. But freedom of choice is illusory if policies are kept not only from the public, but from its elected representatives," it said.

Under the heading "Intelligence abuses", the report declared bluntly: "These were not covert actions, they were covert policies and covert policies are incompatible with democracy." It attacked what it called "disdain for the law," stating: "In the Iran-Contra affair officials viewed the law not as setting boundaries for their actions but raising impediments to their goals.

"The covert programme of support for the Contras evaded the Constitution's most significant check on executive power: the President can spend funds on a progamme only if he can convince Congress to appropriate the money."

Although the report points to Israel as the source of the initiative for sales of arms to Iran, it does not level blame at the Israeli Government. In the preface there is particular praise of Israel for its co-operation in the investigations.

Essential reading: Reporters queuing in Washington yesterday for copies of the congressional committees' report into the Iran arms affair.

Loophole on funding exploited

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington

President Reagan embarked on secret aid to the Contras in 1981 without restrictions from Congress. Tens of millions of dollars were siphoned from the contingency reserve of the Central Intelligence Agency. There was no congressional oversight nor, indeed, knowledge of what was going on.

When Congress discovered the funding it approved the so-called Boland Amendment, named after its author, Mr Edward Boland, a Massachusetts Democrat in the House of Representatives. The purpose was to force President Reagan to stop secretly funding the Contras.

The provision was passed in Congress late in December, 1982.

Its language was explicit: no funds must be used by the CIA or Defence Department to furnish military equipment, training or advice for the purpose of overthrowing the Nicaraguan Government.

Within months the Administration and Congress were locked in dispute over the scope of the prohibition. The White House argued that it was not trying to overthrow the Nicaraguan Government but was trying to stop Nicaragua supplying arms to left-wing rebels in El Salvador.

Administration support for the Contras continued. The scope of aid from CIA funds was immense — one allocation alone was for $80 million (£46 million). The White House expanded its justifications for the programme beyond the interdiction of arms supposedly going to El Salvador — it said it wanted to force the Sandinista Government to the bargaining table.

In May, 1983, Congress moved again to rein in the President. In language that foreshadowed another Boland Amendment — known as Boland II — a Bill to amend the Intelligence Authorization Act stated: "None of the funds appropriated for the CIA or any other department, agency or entity of the US involved in intelligence activities may be obligated or expended for the purpose . . . of supporting, directly or indirectly, military or paramilitary operations in Nicaragua . . ."

But the Administration continued looking for loopholes. It insisted that members of the National Security Council staff were not covered by Boland II.

As a result people like Rear-Admiral John Poindexter, the National Security Adviser, and Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, an aide on the NSC, continued working covertly for the Contra cause.

The magazine which broke the story: The front cover and three inside pages of the Beirut magazine ash-Shiraa whose report on November 3, 1986, on the American shipment of weapons to Iran first told of President Reagan's attempts to swap arms for US hostages in Lebanon. "This is what happened in Tehran", the front-page headline declared. Inside the magazine, the editor revealed the identity of one of the men who told Ayatollah Khomeini of the affair by asking (picture lower left): "Who arranged for the kidnapping of the Syrian charge d'affaires in Tehran and who wanted to smuggle arms to Saudi Arabia?"

Call for commitment to Constitution

Following is a partial text of some of the report's key recommendations.

It is the conclusion of these committees that the Iran-Contra affair resulted from the failure of individuals to observe the law, not from deficiencies in existing law or in our system of governance. This is an important lesson to be learnt from these investigations, because it points to the fundamental soundness of our constitutional processes.

Thus, the principal recommendations emerging from the investigation are not for new laws but for a renewal of the commitment to constitutional government and sound processes of decision-making.

The President must "take care" that the laws be faithfully executed. This is both a moral and legal responsbility.

Government officials must observe the law, even when they disagree with it.

Decision-making processes in foreign-policy matters, including covert action, must provide for careful consideration of all options and their consequences. Opposing views must be weighed, not ignored. Unsound processes, in which participants cannot even agree on what was decided (as in the case of the initial Iranian arms sale) produce unsound decisions.

Congress's role in foreign policy must be recognized, not dismissed, if the benefit of its counsel is to be realized and if public support is to be secured and maintained.

The Administration must not lie to Congress about what it is doing. Congress is the partner, not the adversary, of the executive branch, in the formulation of policy.

Excessive secrecy in the making of important policy

Government officials must observe law, even when they disagree with it

decisions is profoundly anti-democratic and rarely promotes sound policy decisions.

These recommendations are not remarkable. They embody the principles on which this country's success has been based for 200 years. What is remarkable is that they were violated so freely and so repeatedly in the Iran-Contra affair.

Congress cannot legislate good judgement, honesty or fidelity to law. But there are some changes in law, particularly relating to oversight of covert operations, that would make our process function better in the future. They are set forth below . . .

The committees recommend that Section 501 of the National Security Act be amended to require that Congress be notified prior to the commencement of a covert action, except in certain rare instances, and in no event later than 48 hours after a finding is approved. This recommendation is designed to assure timely notification to Congress of covert operations . . .

The committees recommend legislation requiring that all covert action findings be in writing and personally signed by the President . . . The legislation should prohibit retroactive findings . . .

The committees recommend legislation requiring that copies of all signed written findings be sent to the congressional intelligence committees . . .

The committees recommend that the Attorney-General be provided with a copy of all proposed findings for purposes of legal review.

The committees recommend that a finding by the President should be required before a covert action is commenced by any department, agency, or entity of the US Government, regardless of what source of funds is used.

The committees recommend that each finding shall cease to be operative after one year, unless the President certifies that the finding is still in the national interest . . .

The committees believe that the definition of covert action should be changed so that it includes a request by an agency of the US to a foreign

Administration must not lie to Congress about what it is doing

country or a private citizen to conduct a covert action on behalf of the US . . .

The committees recommend that the members and staff of the NSC (National Security Council) not engage in covert actions . . .

The committees recommend a strict account of all US government funds managed by private citizens during the course of a covert action.

The committees recommend that a system be developed so that the CIA has an independent statutory inspector-general confirmed by the Senate . . .

The committees recommend that treaties be negotiated with foreign countries whose banks are used to conceal financial transactions by US citizens, and that these treaties covering foreign bank records specify that Congress, not just the Department of Justice, has the right to request, to receive and to utilize such records . . .

The committees recommend that consistent methods of dealing with leaks of classified information by government officials be developed.

The committees recommend that Presidents adopt, as a matter of policy, the principle that the National Security Adviser to the President of the US should not be an active military officer, and that there should be a limit placed on the tour of military officers assigned to the staff of the National Security Council.

The committees recommend that the Intelligence Oversight Board be revitalized and strengthened . . .

The committees recommend against consolidating the separate House and Senate intelligence committees into a single joint committee . . .

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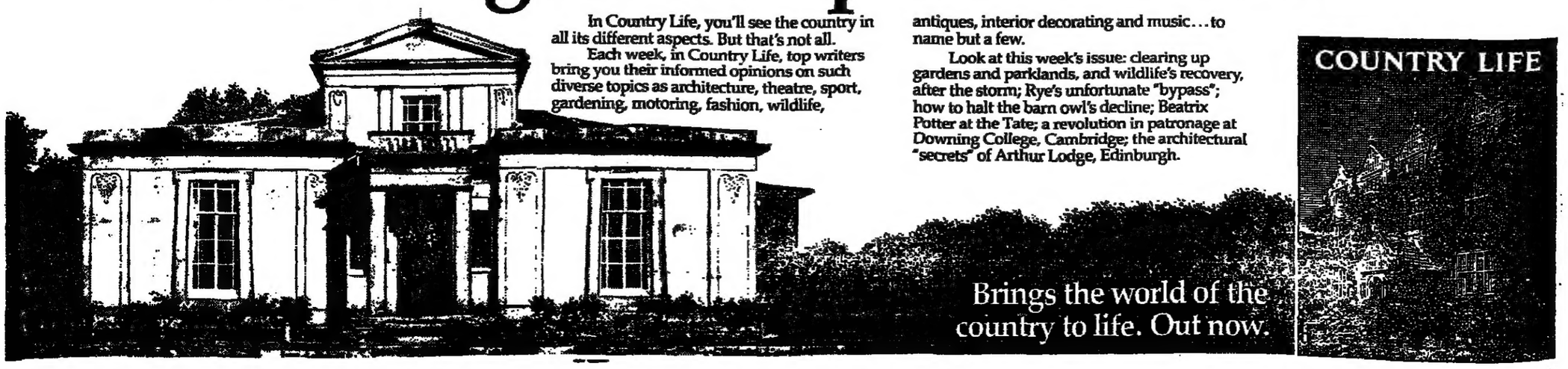

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IRAN-CONTRA REPORT

White House aides mixed deadly brew with crises abroad

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The seeds of scandal

The seeds of the Iran-Contra fiasco were sown in March, 1981, when President Reagan secretly decided to fund the Nicaraguan Contras, then a motley collection of ragtag guerrilla groups. They became one of the biggest, best-supplied rebel armies Latin America has ever seen.

Eight months later the Central Intelligence Agency, under the direction of Mr Reagan's old friend, the late Mr William Casey, was given formal control of American assistance to the rebels, who by now numbered 10,000 men, with their largest bases just across the Coco river inside Honduras.

President Reagan signed an official intelligence document, called a "finding", specifically authorizing covert paramilitary actions against the Sandinista Government.

Under the law, covert actions may be initiated only by a personal decision of the President. By signing a finding, a President not only authorizes the action, he accepts responsibility for its consequences.

Mr Casey has been described as the last great buccaneer from the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the predecessor of the CIA. His individualistic, combative personality was critical in the events that transpired.

He believed passionately in covert actions — he was, after all, chief of the secret intelligence branch which directed intelligence-gathering in German-controlled Europe from OSS headquarters in London during the Second World War. He was in his early thirties at the time.

In 1981 his personal friend, President Reagan, made him the first director of the CIA with Cabinet rank. In that powerful role, Mr Casey strongly advocated secret operations against Nicaragua, and the President concurred.

By chance, Congress discovered what was going on, and in December, 1982, it banned the use of US funds to overthrow the Sandinista Government. The next year it cut the huge amounts of US money the Contras were receiving. The mood hardened when it was discovered that the CIA helped to plan the sabotage of Nicaragua's oil reserves in the small Pacific port of Corinto.

Throughout 1983 there were persistent press reports of a secret war against Nicaragua. The Administration accepted an invitation by the Senate intelligence committee to explain its intentions in pursuing a covert operation. As a result, Congress somewhat grudgingly granted $24 million (£13.6 million) in aid, a sum that would sustain the rebels for only a matter of months.

At the same time, the CIA encouraged and helped the Contras to escalate the conflict. The rebels ran out of money in May, 1984. Later, one senior US official declared that the fighters were threatened with starvation. Their boots leaked. They needed clothing and medicine.

The Administration, frustrated in its policy of backing the Contras, made approaches to Saudi Arabia, resulting in contributions of $1 million (£565,000) a month to the guerrillas. A month later, in December, 1984, Congress banned direct or indirect US military assistance to the rebels. Two months after that King Fahd of Saudi Arabia met President Reagan in Washington, resulting in a donation of $15 million to the Contra cause.

In March, 1985, Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, an aide in the National Security Council, who became such a central player in the drama that would hit the headlines 20 months later, prepared plans to fund the Contras with private money. At the time he was on secondment to the White House from the US Marine Corps.

Congress, alarmed at US involvement in the Nicaraguan war, granted $27 million in humanitarian aid to the Contras but refused military assistance. The rebels were virtually out of bullets. Other military supplies were desperately short. Colonel North and others started to look for back-door remedies.

Meanwhile, Americans were being kidnapped in Lebanon. These unconnected events were to become intertwined with the Contra issue. Between May, 1984, and January, 1985, various groups kidnapped Mr William Buckley, the CIA station chief in Beirut, the Rev Benjamin Weir, the Rev Lawrence Jenco, Mr Terry Anderson, Mr David Jacobsen and Mr Thomas Sutherland.

In December, 1984, the Contras had arranged to buy arms through retired Air Force Major-General Richard Secord. In July, 1985, President Reagan, in hospital for abdominal surgery, authorized Mr Robert McFarlane, the National Security Adviser, to open contacts with Iran to try to secure the release of American hostages.

Two separate crises — the plight of the Contras and the seizure of Americans — would soon start to connect.

Arms for hostages

In mid-1985 Colonel North was directed to prepare contingency plans for extracting hostages from Lebanon. Two planeloads of US-made arms belonging to Israel were sent to Iran; White House officials assured Israel that its stocks would be replenished. Within a few weeks Mr Weir was released.

Another delivery of arms — 18 Hawk anti-aircraft missiles — was sent to Iran from Israel on board a plane owned by a CIA dummy company. Iran rejected them as obsolete and no hostage was released. Mr McFarlane resigned; Rear-Admiral John Poindexter, his deputy, replaced him.

President Reagan signed an intelligence "finding" retroactively authorizing the Hawk sales as a straight arms-for-hostages swap, according to testimony given later by Rear-Admiral Poindexter to Congress. Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, and Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, argued against the arms shipments to Iran.

But President Reagan was deeply and emotionally committed to getting the hostages freed. He had met some of their families and had given a personal promise to do everything possible. He ignored the misgivings of some senior advisers and pressed on with the arms sales scheme, convinced that selling weapons to an adversary like Ayatollah Khomeini was justified so long as there was a chance of getting the hostages out.

Days after resigning, Mr McFarlane went to London and met Mr Manucher Ghorbanifar, an Iranian middleman, Mr David Kimche, an Israeli Foreign Ministry official, and Mr Yaacov Nimrodi, an arms dealer. He returned after two days and told Mr Reagan that Iran was demanding more arms. The President apparently indicated that he was willing to go along with the demand.

In January last year General Secord began to put together an air re-supply operation to the Contras. President Reagan secretly signed an authorization for arms shipments to Iran and ordered that Congress not be informed. The deliveries were intended to lead to the release of US hostages.

Profits go to Contras

The next month Colonel North, General Secord, Mr Ghorbanifar and Mr George Cave, a CIA official, met Iranian officials in Frankfurt. The arms to Iran were being sold at inflated prices: Mr Ghorbanifar suggested diverting the profits to the Contras, according to later testimony by Colonel North.

On February 17 the first shipment of 500 Tow anti-tank missiles from America's stocks was delivered to Iran via Israel, but no hostages were released. Ten days later a second shipment of 500 Tows reached Iran and still no hostages were freed.

In April, Colonel North wrote a memorandum outlining plans to use $12 million in profits from the arms sales to help the Contras. That was the first link between the Iran arms deal and the rebels. The next month, Mr McFarlane flew to Tehran on board a plane carrying spare parts, hoping to negotiate the release of hostages. The mission failed.

But in July Mr Jenco was released. In August a shipment of remaining Hawk spare parts reached Iran. In September two more Americans were seized — Mr Frank Reed, director of the Lebanese International School, and Mr Joseph Cicippio, acting comptroller of the American University in Beirut.

In June, Congress had approved $100 million in military aid to the Contras, to begin on October 1. In August General Secord, Colonel North and Mr Cave met in Washington with an Iranian official with close ties to Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, Speaker of the Iranian Parliament.

"There were occasions when my superiors . . . would simply say 'Fix it, Ollie'." — Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the National Security Council aide, in testimony before the congressional committee.

In October a cargo plane, part of the Contra re-supply operation set up by General Secord, was shot down over Nicaragua with a cargo of weapons. Two US pilots were killed and Mr Eugene Hasenfus, a member of the crew, was captured by the Sandinistas.

Two days later Colonel North, Mr Cave, General Secord and Mr Albert Hakim, a business associate of General Secord, met in Frankfurt and proposed an elaborate nine-point hostage release plan that included seeking the release of 17 pro-Iran terrorists held in Kuwaiti jails. The kidnappings of Americans continued: on October 21 Mr Edward Tracy, a writer, was seized in Beirut. Ten days later another 500 Tows were shipped to Iran from Israel and within 48 hours Mr Jacobsen was freed.

How the cover was blown

A Beirut newspaper then published a story about Mr McFarlane's visit to Tehran.

Five days later Colonel North met Iranians in Geneva, but talks on the hostage issue were unproductive. On November 10, the White House, under pressure from the press and members of Congress to explain what had been going on, issued a statement saying that "no US laws have been or will be violated" and that the policy of not making concessions to terrorists remained intact.

On November 25 Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney-General, made the stunning revelation at a press conference in the White House that funds had been diverted to the Contras from profits on arms sales to Iran. President Reagan announced that Rear-Admiral Poindexter had resigned and that Colonel North had been dismissed. The Iran-Contra scheme was dead: America had been humiliated by Iran; the congressional mood against the Contras hardened; and President Reagan's popularity and prestige were dealt a blow from which he has never recovered.

One of the central figures in the scandal, Mr William Casey, suffered a cerebral seizure on December 15 last year, one day before he was due to testify to the Senate select committee on intelligence on what he knew about the affair.

He never recovered and never testified. The one question everybody wanted to put to him was: "How much did the President know, and when did he know it?" More than anybody, he knew the answer, and he took it to his grave.

"The buck stopped here" — Rear-Admiral Poindexter, former National Security Adviser, in evidence to the committee.

"You have to go above the written law sometimes . . ." — Colonel North's personal secretary, Miss Fawn Hall.

"We believed . . . that our conduct was in furtherance of the President's policies" — Major-General Secord.

"The American people have every right to ask: How could this have happened here?" — Senator Daniel Inouye.

Reagan's friend proved his biggest liability

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

The devastating indictment by the congressional Iran-Contra committee of Mr Edwin Meese over his handling of the initial investigation of the affair last year is a further setback to the beleaguered Attorney-General who, now widely regarded as an embarrassing liability to the Administration, is under growing pressure from many quarters to resign.

"Edwin Meese should never have been named Attorney-General in the first place," a former senior editor of *The New York Times* wrote on Tuesday. "Now with a record in that office of monumentally poor judgement and of ethical insensitivity, the most dignified contribution Mr Meese could make to prop up this faltering presidency would be to resign."

Mr John Oakes added that Mr Meese's three years as the Administration's top legal officer had been marked by an inability to understand the obligations of high office. His role as presidential adviser was "punctuated by a succession of egregious blunders", the most spectacular being the withdrawal of the nomination of Judge Douglas Ginsburg, the Supreme Court nominee he had urged President Reagan to propose.

In an unusually harsh article, the editor went on to say that Mr Meese had shown disdain for questions of conflict of interest. In at least three well-documented instances, he had used his White House influence to obtain high government jobs for individuals who had arranged substantial loans for himself or his family.

A week earlier Mr David Broder, the senior political editor of *The Washington Post*, attacked Mr Meese in equally scathing terms, saying that in any other democracy a cabinet official who had so embarrassed his chief would have been out of a job.

"As a goverment official he has been a disaster — a man whose narrowness of view is matched by his incompetence. His tangled personal affairs have twice earned him investigations by special prosecutors. He has been involved in a string of blunders, stretching from the 'why wake Reagan?' decision during the US-Libyan aerial dogfight in the first year of the presidency to the bungled Iran-Contra investigation."

In the face of such criticism, President Reagan has acted defiantly. Announcing Judge Anthony Kennedy as his third nominee to the Supreme Court last week, he angrily brushed aside reporters' questions on the wisdom of retaining Mr Meese, insisting that the Attorney-General was "no embarrassment" to him. And, in an unusual gesture, he put his arm round Mr Meese in a bear-hug show of affection.

His priorities placed low value on ethical, intellectual standards

Ironically, Mr Meese came to the White House announcement directly from the US District Court where he had testified for about 30 minutes before a grand jury considering possible criminal prosecution against several figures involved in the Iran-Contra scandal. He is being questioned about his role in allowing the shredding of key documents.

Mr Meese has already made five visits to another grand jury looking at his ties to Wedtech, a scandal-plagued defence contractor on whose behalf he had interceded and in which he is alleged to have had a financial interest.

Another scandal now surrounding him concerns a letter his wife wrote last June to a federal judge asking him to give "very favourable consideration" to a young friend of the family who was convicted of tax fraud.

But Mr Reagan will not sack his Attorney-General. With the departure of Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Secretary of Defence, Mr Meese is the last remaining member of the President's California coterie still in office. Mr Reagan has been increasingly isolated politically in his own Administration, which now consists of middle-of-the-road pragmatists instead of the close friends and fellow-conservatives who swept into office with him in 1981.

The President has no close links with these new men. He does not feel "comfortable" with their advice in the way he did with former advisers such as Mr Michael Deaver, Judge William Clark, the late William Casey, the Director of the CIA, and Mr Weinberger.

Mr Meese was one of the triumvirate who ran the White House during Mr Reagan's first term, and the President still looks to him for guidance.

But the succession of blunders has begun to strain the support for the Attorney-General of even the conservatives. They quickly blamed Mr Howard Baker, the White House Chief of Staff, for the Ginsburg fiasco, but it was clear that it was Mr Meese who had supported Judge Ginsburg while Mr Baker had opposed him.

Liberals now cite Mr Meese as the personification of the venality of so many officials in the Reagan Administration, which has seen more than 100 of its members imprisoned, indicted or forced to resign under a cloud.

Mr Oakes said the sloppiness of the Attorney-General's investigation of Mr Ginsburg was a reflection of his, and President Reagan's, priorities "which place relatively low value on ethical and intellectual standards when there is a political point to be made".

Mr Meese has shrugged off the criticism. He was resolutely cheerful at his appearance before the Iran-Contra committee during the summer, despite accusations that he deliberately delayed the sealing of the office of Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, President Reagan's dismissed security aide. But his standing has been damaged. The Attorney-General's office was to have been the spearhead of the Reagan revolution in the second term, leading the fight against pornography, challenging Supreme Court rulings on such issues as abortion and affirmative action, and ensuring the appointment of conservative judges throughout the federal judiciary.

Many of those battles now appear to have been lost, with the defeat of Judge Robert Bork signalling the end of the conservatives' hopes of perpetuating the Reagan legacy through the courts.

Ex-SAS major with a walk-on part

By Nicholas Beeston

The public exposure which Major David Walker so detests returned to haunt him yesterday when the former SAS officer's name was dragged again through the mire of the Iran-Contra scandal.

Although he only surfaced earlier this year in the Tower Commission Report as one of a host of characters involved in Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North's global army of mercenaries, arms dealers and revolutionaries, Major Walker's exploits have remained in the spotlight as the "British connection" in the affair.

The Iran-Contra Affair report summarizes six memos from Colonel North to Mr Robert McFarlane. One memo discussed Major Walker, who, in a meeting with Colonel North, offered to conduct sabotage operations for the rebels.

The report says: "After the April 20, 1986, meeting, the first shipment of lethal supplies by the enterprise for the southern front arrived at the air base to be stored by the re-supply operation. At North's request, the enterprise paid David Walker $110,000 (£62,500) for two foreign pilots and a load master to fly missions inside Nicaragua so that United States citizens would not be exposed to possible shootdown or capture . . ."

The scrutiny of Major Walker has been bad for business in the highly secretive security community, where confidentiality is essential between government employers and the mercenaries they hire. In addition to Major Walker's woes, Opposition MPs may still demand his prosecution under the Foreign Enlistment Act of 1870.

To date, his Jersey-based security company, Keeny Meeny Services Ltd, has been implicated by US investigators in three separate operations in Central America to support the Contras against the Nicaraguan Government.

KMS employees are alleged to have provided training for the Contras in Honduras, to have flown supplies to the rebels, and to have taken part in a sabotage mission inside Nicaragua.

Whitehall officials are at pains to distance themselves from Major Walker, but as late as 1982 KMS provided former SAS and Royal Marine security guards for the British Embassy in Montevideo, the Uruguayan capital, during the Falklands conflict. Previously, his men were also under contract at the British missions in Kampala and San Salvador.

The irony that he should have come unstuck by a relatively minor operation will not be lost on Major Walker who, since resigning his commission in 1974, has built up a successful and respectable business. In 1982 he was elected a Conservative Party councillor for Elmbridge, Surrey, and is rumoured to have met the Prime Minister on at least one occasion.

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Divisions hamper the left in Turkish general election

Opinion poll gives welcome boost to Ozal and his party

From Michael Dynes, Istanbul

An opinion poll which yesterday put the Turkish Prime Minister, Mr Turgut Ozal, 23 per cent ahead of his nearest rival has given an added boost to his ruling Motherland Party (Anap), now widely expected to win hands down the November 29 general election, the first genuine exercise in democracy since the 1980 military coup.

The opinion poll, conducted for the *Turkish Daily News*, gave the Motherland Party 40.8 per cent of the vote, some 4 per cent higher than most recent polls and well ahead of the 35 per cent needed to secure a majority of the 450 parliamentary seats being contested.

The results also showed that the centre-right True Path Party (TPP), led by the former Prime Minister, Mr Suleyman Demirel — one of the politicians who presided over the slide into civil anarchy which prompted the September, 1980, coup — has been pushed into third place by the centre-left Social Democratic Populist Party (SDPP) led by Professor Erdal Inonu.

The ailing fortunes of the Democratic Left Party (DLP), led by another former Prime Minister, Mr Bulent Ecevit, were further confirmed; it received a mere 6 per cent of the poll.

Many Turkish socialists had hoped that the two ideological bedfellows could link up in a concerted effort to defeat Anap. But Mr Ecevit's refusal to spend even an afternoon on the *chaise longue* with Mr Inonu means that the DLP is unlikely to secure the 10 per cent of the popular vote required to obtain representation.

Divisions among the left-wing parties, once a leading force in Turkish politics, has enabled Mr Ozal to concentrate his campaign on discrediting Mr Demirel, whose rallies across Anatolia are drawing vast crowds and who is expected to improve his standing among the electorate considerably by polling day.

The diminutive Prime Minister, who is more than adequately compensated in width for anything he lacks in height, is regarded by his supporters as an economic supremo who has transformed the Turkish economy from a slumbering state-controlled giant into a vibrant free market since coming to power in the 1983 elections sponsored by the military.

But the rapid pace of economic growth has exacted a heavy price. Foreign debt, unemployment and inflation are all rising steadily, and increased earnings from exports, tourism and expatriate remittances have done little to blunt the opposition's criticisms that Mr Ozal is leading Turkey down the path to economic ruin.

Turkish women at a Motherland Party rally in Izmir yesterday holding placards asking the Prime Minister, Mr Turgut Ozal, to look into the problems they face in state factories.

Hong Kong seeks garrison cost cut

Talks on the cost of maintaining the British garrison in Hong Kong opened in London yesterday amid demands for a cut in the colony's contribution (Andrew McEwen writes).

A four-man team from the Hong Kong Goverment, led by Mr Piers Jacobs, the Financial Secretary, was under political pressure to secure a reduction in the 75 per cent share of the cost borne by Hong Kong's taxpayers. Ministry of Defence officials were expected to resist the demands.

Opposition to the existing Defence Costs Agreement has emerged both in Hong Kong's Executive Council and its representational Legislative Council. The colony has made a contribution to the garrison's costs since 1863.

British fury after farm ministers delay key decision

From Richard Owen in Strasbourg and Jonathan Brande in Brussels

Amid dismay and disbelief among EEC officials and Euro-MPs, the EEC farm ministers yesterday adjourned crucial last-ditch talks on the future of the common agricultural policy with no sign of agreement.

Mr John MacGregor, the British Agriculture Minister, left the meeting in fury when France and Germany blocked a deal proposed by the European Commission to reduce cereals output by taking up to 20 per cent of land out of production, a scheme known as set-aside.

Mr Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Danish Foreign Minister and current president of the EEC Council of Ministers, warned the European Parliament that failure to agree on an overhaul of finances by the time of the Copenhagen EEC summit in two weeks' time would seriously damage the Community's credibility.

Mr MacGregor said he was "very angry" about the farm policy adjournment. The French and German farm ministers claimed they had important engagements elsewhere. "But then I have too," Mr MacGregor said. "We are abrogating our responsibility by staying away so long." Farmers would suffer in the long term from failure to agree now.

In Strasbourg Mr Ellemann-Jensen noted that the EEC summit on December 4-5 was taking place only a few days before the Reagan-Gorbachov summit in Washington. EEC citizens would conclude that while the superpowers were able to agree on great issues, Europe was unable to put its house in order by tackling the minor matter of sharing the EEC bill.

Officials regard reform of the common agricultural policy as vital to success at Copenhagen, which otherwise threatens to turn into another showdown over spending between Mrs Thatcher and the Eleven. Mrs Thatcher will not agree to an increase in the EEC budget to help the poorer southern states unless excessive farm spending is curbed.

The farm ministers reconvene on Monday, when EEC foreign ministers also meet in Brussels to start completing the summit's agenda. Danish sources said Mr Poul Schluter, the Danish Prime Minister, would embark on a tour of EEC capitals on the eve of Copenhagen, calling on Mrs Thatcher on December 1. But the prospects are grim, with M François Guillaume, the French farm minister, accusing Mrs Thatcher of "putting the cart before the horse" by demanding farm cuts without knowing what next year's farm budget would be.

In a move which complicates Mr Schluter's task further, the European Parliament yesterday demanded that the EEC shift the basis of its revenues wholly from VAT, as at present, to gross national product (GNP), a kind of national wealth tax. Mr Peter Price, Conservative MEP for London South-East, said this would save Britain over £100 million a year. M Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, told Euro-MPs, however, that the Commission favoured a mix of farm levies, customs duties, VAT receipts, and a GNP tax.

Spy book sale halted at British bases

The Royal Military Police have asked two book shops at the British Sovereign bases in Cyprus to stop selling Mr Peter Wright's book *Spycatcher*, a military spokesman said yesterday (Nicholas Beeson writes).

Soldiers told the YMCA and YWCA shops at the army base at Akrotiri and RAF Episcopi to discontinue sales, after one shop displayed the book in its window and another took orders for people wanting *Spycatcher*.

Although the book is freely on sale in Cyprus, a spokesman for the bases said: "In view of the controversy in Britain caused by the book, on balance we felt that it was not advisable to have it on sale." He denied that any copies had been confiscated.

Gold demand

Kathmandu (AFP) — Nepal has demanded the return of more than 44lbs of gold seized by Indian customs in Calcutta from Ghurkha soldiers flying home to Nepal.

Somare goes

Port Moresby (Reuter) — Papua New Guinea's veteran statesman Mr Michael Somare is to resign as leader of the opposition.

Poet in print

Moscow (Reuter) — Poems by the 1987 Nobel literature prize-winner Joseph Brodsky, who once served in a Soviet labour camp, are to be published in the Soviet magazine *Novy Mir*.

Qatar links

Doha (Reuter) — Qatar, in line with its regional allies, is to resume diplomatic ties with Egypt.

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Cambodia peace optimism

Hanoi anxious to shed war burden

From David Watts, Hanoi

There is growing optimism that a solution to the Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia is in prospect.

Not since Vietnamese forces invaded late in 1978 to expel the Khmer Rouge and install the Heng Samrin Government have the interests of Vietnam, Cambodia and their opponents so nearly coincided.

Vietnam is searching for a way out of the war to relieve the burden on its economy, and for the first time the Samrin regime is offering elections and a "neutral" government. In addition, Prince Sihanouk, the former Cambodian ruler, is ailing and wanting to return — so those most immediately concerned appear to have the elements of a compromise.

The second tier of interested parties, but no less crucial for that, includes the Chinese and the countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean).

Peking, through its support of the Khmer Rouge resistance, has kept the war going, but is now ready to endorse a meeting between Prince Sihanouk and Mr Hun Sen, the young Foreign Minister of Cambodia, with a view to the Prince being offered a ranking position in a Phnom Penh coalition government.

Despite some last-minute second thoughts by the Prince, the meeting is expected to take place in Paris between December 10 and 15.

At the same time, Mr Nguyen Co Thach, the Vietnamese Foreign Minister, is expected to be there for a congress of the French Communist Party. Dr Mochtar Kusumaatmadja, the Foreign Minister of Indonesia and the key mediator between Vietnam and Asean, will also be in the French capital.

The flood of Singapore businessmen into Vietnam, and recent contracts to build an oil rig and related equipment, testify to the change of heart by one of Vietnam's most vocal Asean opponents. The opposition role is now left exclusively to Thailand, which fears the removal of the buffer between itself and its old rival, Vietnam.

After seven years of close Vietnam-Cambodia ties — in which many Cambodians have received political education in Vietnam and Vietnamese and Cambodian provinces have become closely linked through sister relationships — the idea of building an "independent, democratic, neutral and non-aligned Cambodia" may seem far-fetched.

But the use of the word "neutral" appears to signal a significant change which meets the requirements of the Chinese, who are adamantly opposed to Vietnam establishing long-term hegemony over Laos and Cambodia.

It is not yet clear whether this offer is merely a Vietnamese tactic or represents a real change of attitude. But it provides an opportunity for the Chinese to put on international diplomatic pressure for a Cambodia less beholden to Vietnam at a time when the guerrillas have little chance of driving out the Vietnamese.

A Japanese diplomat said: "The Vietnamese believe that, in the end, the Chinese will choose friendship with Indochina over the Khmer Rouge." Mr Sen, as a sop to Chinese sensibilities, has said for the first time that the Khmer Rouge could have a role to play in the solution.

Phnom Penh said in early October that individuals and groups from the opposition, with the exception of "Pol Pot and some of his closest associates", could take part in the reconstruction of the country. There lies the most difficult element of the equation — the elimination from positions of power of such leading Khmer Rouge figures as Pol Pot and Ieng Sary.

The continued occupation means no official aid from the West or Japan, so for Vietnam the economic necessity of getting out of Cambodia is manifest. With a growing budget deficit, its international currency reserves were $15 million (£8.5 million) at the end of last year, sufficient only for two weeks imports from the convertible area, with inflation running at an annual average of 350 per cent, according to the International Monetary Fund.

Arrears on loan repayments were $1 billion, with debt servicing owed for the year of $332 million. Only $19 million were repaid. Total debt stood at $7.7 billion, of which $2.3 billion are owed to the convertible area. Private British creditors are owed $29.6 million.

The Soviet Union underwrites the cost of a war which has long been a political embarrassment to Moscow and an impediment to better relations with the dynamic countries of South-East Asia. There is little enthusiasm from other Eastern block countries except East Germany. One East European envoy in Hanoi confided: "We support them, but it's not something we talk about very much."

The war in Cambodia gets little media coverage in Vietnam and the Government would prefer to deflect attention to the "northern front" against the Chinese.

But the war will be in the headlines again this month, when Vietnam is to stage another withdrawal of forces. Such annual moves have been treated with great scepticism by other countries in the region, since it has not been clear whether they have been real withdrawals or merely rotations of forces.

In any event, Vietnam is committed to getting all its troops out by 1990.

The French Foreign Ministry confirmed yesterday that an entry visa to France had been accorded the Cambodian Prime Minister, Mr Hun Sen (Susan MacDonald writes from Paris). The ministry said that he is expected to assist at the French Communist Party congress next month.

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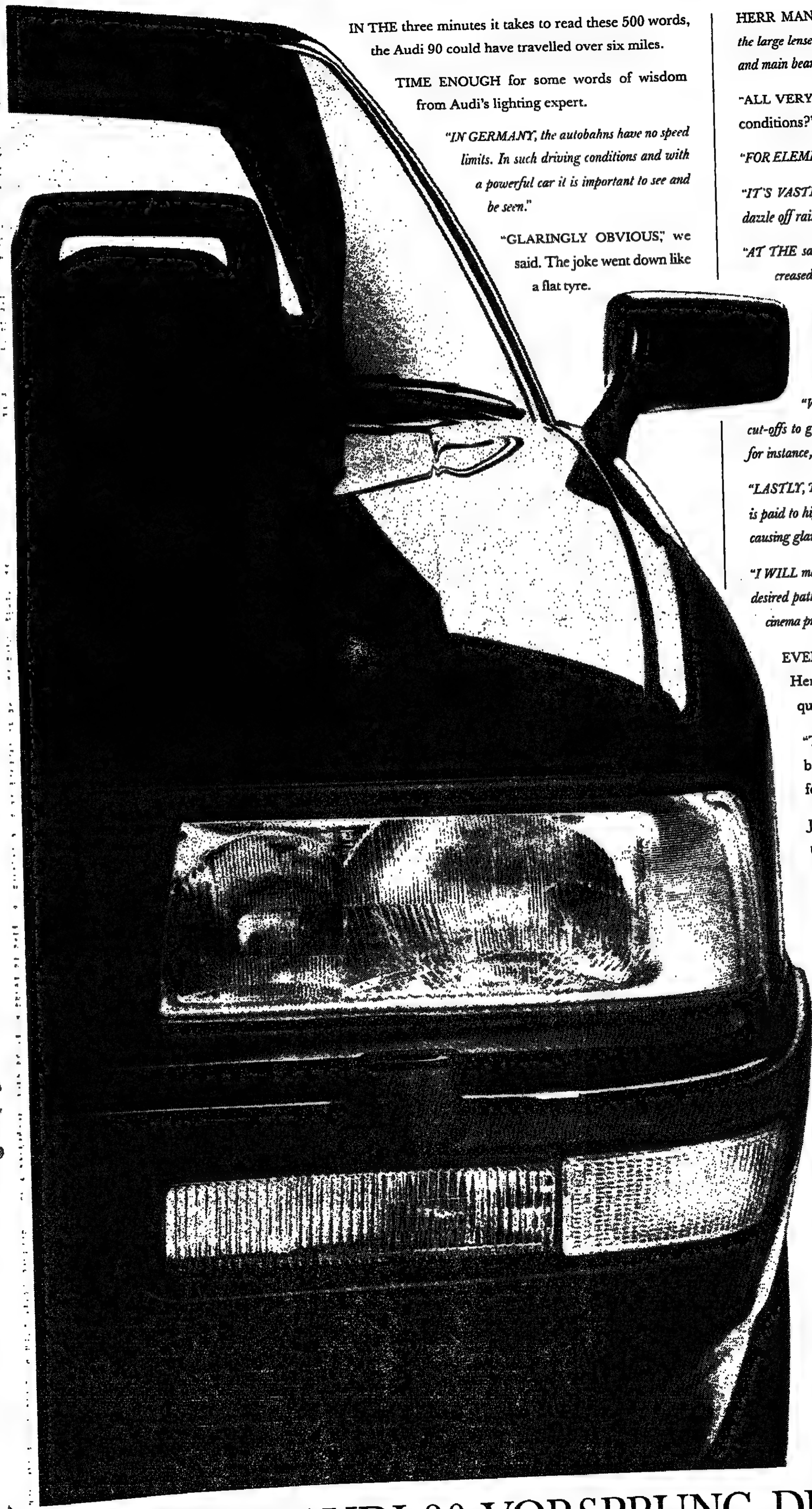

IN THE three minutes it takes to read these 500 words, the Audi 90 could have travelled over six miles.

TIME ENOUGH for some words of wisdom from Audi's lighting expert.

"IN GERMANY, the autobahns have no speed limits. In such driving conditions and with a powerful car it is important to see and be seen."

"GLARINGLY OBVIOUS," we said. The joke went down like a flat tyre.

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EVEN WITH our limited technical knowledge, it was kind of Herr Mang not to keep us in the dark. But we had more questions.

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SPECTRUM

A Roman business empire?

Italy would not be most people's hot tip to take best advantage of a single Europe, but its major industries are already spreading northward, ready for the realities of 1992, as Roger Boyes reports. Attitudes in Britain and West Germany are markedly different

Part 4: The mega companies move in

In northern Italy, in the boardrooms of Milan and Turin, everything moves at a cracking pace; secretaries stalk the corridors in the fast 1-2, 1-2 step of Tyrolean mountain troops. Their bosses, libellously accused of being legends in their own lunchtimes, are lucky to get a ham sandwich in between calls to Frankfurt.

Italy is having to move faster to catch up with northern Europe and, in so doing, is Europeanizing its business more thoroughly than any of its staider neighbours in the north. As the 1992 dream of a single Europe marches closer – the free flow of capital, the free movement of goods and people – it is the Italians who are positioning themselves to profit the most.

Two factors are at work. First, Italian business has always had problems of scale: expansion beyond Italian frontiers is not so much an option as a necessity. Second, Europe has always been the natural measuring rod for Italy's modernization; to do something "the European way" means to deliver to strict deadlines, deal across borders, speak foreign languages.

In those shining boardrooms, flowcharts are unveiled and, sure enough, Italian concerns are creating jobs in France, West Germany, even Britain. Their shares are being traded on three or four European exchanges. Their ownership structure shows roots in Paris and Frankfurt.

As in the rest of Europe, Italian concerns have taken over some of the responsibility for growth that has been abandoned by state treasuries and finance ministries. But in Italy, too, there is a realization that something more fundamental is changing in the nature of capitalism – Olivetti's Carlo De Benedetti believes that the question of ownership is now peripheral; what counts is leadership and company identity.

Having an empire (grouped in the holding company COFIDE) that boasts not only Olivetti's office automation, but also banking and publishing (Mondadori), tyres (Pirelli), food (Buitoni) and other financial services, Signor De Benedetti is in a position to know.

He has a 51 per cent stake in COFIDE but other shareholders include British (S.G. Warburg), US, Japanese and French banks. He acquired the quintessentially German company of Triumph Adler, Davigel the French frozen fish distributor – and France is targetted as the next great area of expansion. Buitoni France, his food branch, is taking over the main growth role from Buitoni Italy. Spain is also a natural growth area for him.

'I believe in alliance with the US and Japan but you must be strong, too'

The logical equation that links cuts in workforces with raised productivity and, eventually, renewed recruitment – the central components of Thatcherism – is working in Italy. Olivetti made 14,000 workers redundant after De Benedetti arrived in 1978. "The worst time here was after the first three months when I thought I couldn't make it. The best was in 1985 when we started hiring again."

But the rub is that the jobs generated are largely outside Italy: almost 40 per cent of the 50,000 new jobs. That is the Italian way of approaching the 1992 target.

For De Benedetti, as for other Italian industrialists – Raul Gardini of Ferruzzi, or Vittorio Merloni, the kitchen manufacturer – Europe is not really a romantic vision. His reasoning is this: capitalism has changed fundamentally.

There is no role for new multinational companies. Instead a combination of strategic alliances and cross frontier takeovers – which could put corporate ownership into the hands of several different European owners – is the road to expansion.

Europe is the natural base for growth. Thus Gardini moved (unsuccessfully) to take over British Sugar and is planning to become the major European manufacturer of ethanol. Merloni has captured 10 per cent of the European kitchen products market, is growing swiftly and will spread his tentacles into Spain and Portugal simply to head off competition from these countries.

De Benedetti explains Olivetti's European philosophy: "I am deeply convinced that we have to co-operate as Europeans, not ideologically but practically. Sometimes I hear what I think are very stupid arguments that Europeans should co-operate to try to compensate for the power of the Americans.

"I don't share that view. I believe in alliances with the United States and Japan. But in an alliance you must be strong yourself. And that means having sales volumes, market shares and capability. I would very much like to see those three elements increased for Olivetti by means of agreements with other European companies."

Italian business is shifting in this direction. By raising money through different European stock exchanges and building on joint ventures, it is helping to create an industrial Europe while at the same time modernizing Italy. The danger here is that Europeanization may pull northern Italy further away from the underdeveloped south.

The big Italian corporations do try to funnel some investment to the south, but there are unmistakable tensions. How then to preserve the Italian identity of the new look business empires? So far the image makers do not have many ideas. But both Fiat and Olivetti are playing an important part in the restoration and preservation of Italy's art heritage, financing the restoration of "The Last Supper" or staging lavish symposia on behalf of sinking Venice.

This is valuable and more than just public relations; but there is much left to do and it is plain that the drive to Europeanize will claim its share of victims.

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BRITAIN: DANGEROUS INSULARITY

A group of young British businessmen were chatting about 1992. They had no doubt what they felt about the accelerating progress towards the elimination of barriers to trade. "Let's hope they keep the doors closed as long as possible – the competition will be ridiculous," they agreed.

Such attitudes can all too easily turn into self-fulfilling prophecy. The habit of insularity can induce a mood of defeatism unjustified either by British industry's recent performance or by the special advantages it enjoys.

Anyone who does not treat 1992 as an opportunity is at risk of finding that it will be a danger. "Companies need to be taking more account of 1992 in their current investment plans, not only their future ones," says Stephen Woolcock, the Confederation of British Industry's deputy director for international affairs. "Five years is no distance away in terms of planning. Where possible it will be worth considering the rationalization of operations on one site. Any activity where distribution or transport costs are important will obviously be affected, but the effects will go very wide."

British industry is relatively much stronger now than it was when Britain first joined the EEC. Much reorganization and restructuring has already taken place, but Woolcock warns that British industry is failing to involve itself as eagerly as it should in the continuing process of drawing up EEC standards for new products: "A lot of companies say they cannot afford it, but it is short-sighted to leave it to others to make the definitions for tomorrow's products."

Another problem is languages – or, rather, the notorious British attitude to them. Peter Luff, general secretary of the European Movement, says: "Schools in this country haven't the faintest conception of what 1992 will mean over a whole range of subjects. Language teaching is simply a disaster. Companies today tend to recruit good graduates and then shove them on to language courses. But that wastes an enormous amount of time and money".

Companies based outside the South-east may face new problems in remaining competitive against rivals based on the Continent. The Government remains officially confident that their problems will in general be outweighed by advantages such as lower land and labour costs, but there will be risks in sitting back to wait and see whether this will be so.

George Hill

GERMANY: A MUTED APPROACH

West Germany, with its powerful economy and leading role in the EEC, is as committed as other states to the 1992 target date. In January, Bonn takes over the rotating EEC presidency from Denmark and will have the job of speeding up internal market decisions. But the fact remains that very few West Germans are aware of what awaits them.

Emil Underberg, who runs a business in Rheinberg on the Rhine, told a meeting of the "kangaroo group" – a European Parliament 1992 pressure group – recently that "under 3 per cent" of German businessmen were prepared. An informal *Times* survey bears him out: of some 20 German companies approached, only a handful had conducted in-house studies, all of them major concerns.

A spokesman for Siemens, the electronics giant, felt confident it could defend its market share in Europe, provided it was given reciprocal access in Britain, France and other countries: "The danger is that national public companies will still engage in protectionism."

Martin Bangemann, the German economics minister, takes the view that 1992 will "set free new growth and competition". But even he warns that it will take a great deal of political will to tackle the highly protected sectors in Germany, such as transport, and says the EEC must not push through internal market standards that fall short of Germany's on health, safety or the environment.

Some Germans even have doubts about the EEC becoming a unified "closed shop". This kind of reservation reflects partly Bonn's desire to maintain its special non-tariff relationship with East Germany. But it also has a great deal to do with the current mood of disillusionment, stemming from the widespread feeling that as "paymaster of Europe", it is putting more into the EEC than it is getting out, and that German farmers, in particular, are bearing the brunt of farm policy reforms.

Meanwhile, Chancellor Kohl and Herr Bangemann are under pressure to launch an official campaign to ensure Germany is not left behind.

Richard Owen

TOMORROW

Lord Young talks to *The Times* about Britain and a single Europe

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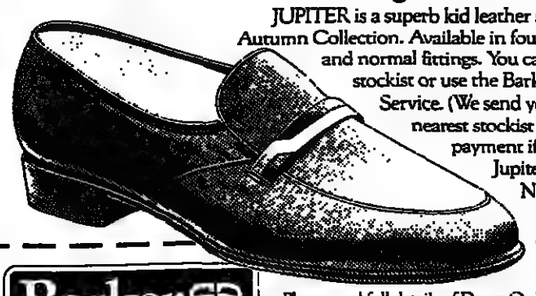

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artfile
A weekly look at the art world

Sarah Jane Checkland

Record prices! Investment! The joy of collecting! What is rarely mentioned is the trouble in store if your paintings or antiques are stolen. Then one enters a wonderland of inconsistencies – the only exception being in the behavioural pattern of the criminal, who performs with grim seasonal regularity, peak-time being between now and Christmas.

Even when stolen art is traced – and that is rare – there is no guarantee that you can have it back. This week's case of the Corot painting is a good example. Stolen from a French museum three years ago and now discovered in Tokyo, it may well stay there because the new "owner" is sticking to his rights according to Japanese law.

One thing is certain: art theft has become the second biggest international crime – second only to drug trafficking. But the inconsistencies do not only occur abroad. If a Corot disappears in Kent, there is much more of a chance of getting it back than if it disappeared in Newcastle. That is because Kent is one of the few areas in Britain to have police experts specializing in tracing stolen art.

If, on the other hand, you live in Caerphilly, the service you will get from the police is one of self-help. Two years ago they gave out special ultraviolet pens so residents could secretly code their belongings. If stolen and then retrieved, the goods could be returned to their owners.

London is potentially the biggest black hole and clearing house of all. The capital used to have a specialist art and antique squad run by Detective Inspector Sid Whisker. But it was disbanded in 1984 – the reason being a combination of cuts and a rationalization of resources.

New Scotland Yard now has only one full time art officer and the service is reduced to a partly-computerized index system of stolen property, currently with 32,000 entries. Unlike countries such as Canada, which has a full time art squad, this country is one huge open house to thieves.

But these problems pale when compared to the legal complications if a work turns up in a different country. You may be lucky if it appears in France. There, in general, the object remains the property of the original owner whether it has been subsequently resold or not. But if it is found in Japan, as is likely in the light of their current art-buying craze, you may well discover that you are no longer the owner. According to Japanese law, if two years pass after any goods are stolen and they are then bought in good faith, the last buyer becomes the legal owner.

Too expensive to insure: the twice-stolen Rembrandt from the Dulwich gallery

Of what stolen art policing there is in this country, much is done privately. The coin trade has a system whereby each dealer passes on news of missing items to the next.

Loss adjustors are motivated sleuths, as they have to pay out the insurance money. But they often depend on ransom demands to catchee Corot. All too often, though, they are not called in at all.

Instead of paying an annual £25,000 in insurance premiums, many country house owners prefer to take a risk. The Dulwich picture gallery in London – home of the ill-fated Rembrandt which has been stolen twice in recent years – has no insurance for this reason.

Recently, the art trade liaison committee, comprising British dealers and auction houses, has been discussing setting up a computerized list of stolen goods with its counterparts in Europe. This would serve a similar function to the bulletins of America's International Foundation for Art Research, which has successfully circulated information on stolen goods.

In the short term, though, this country urgently needs Sid Whisker back. It is not enough for New Scotland Yard to say blandly, as they did this week: "We are still reviewing the situation".

In the longer term, what is needed is an international agreement. Governments should start discussing ways of unifying the laws and creating an international computer file of stolen goods. Vendors should be forced to sell goods with watertight title papers.

Otherwise more people like Victoria Wood will opt out of collecting because of the risks of theft. Or, worse, they will commission the new breed of fakers to make copies of their Corots, and put the real things in the vault.

• The Getty Museum apart, the most controversial art collection in the world is that owned by the British Rail Pension Fund. The cause of raised eyebrows when it spent up to £50 million through Sotheby's in the Seventies, it is now the subject of renewed speculation as it offloads its assets in earnest.

In June it sold its Old Master prints for £2 million. Today, it has discreetly mingled 27 items of silver into the general goods in Sotheby's silver sale. Next, on December 8, comes the fund's group of 75 Japanese prints, expected to raise another £1 million.

The fund is resented for a number of reasons: because it bought for pure investment; and because it has lent many articles to public museums, thus adding to their glamour and value (as well as saving on insurance payments).

For the pensioners, the investment has probably been more trouble than it is worth. The prints which sold last June cost them £641,000 between 1974 and 1980 – a return of 3 per cent above the retail price index. But in the interim, the fund has not received interest on its capital.

If it decides to sell the major Old Masters – such as the ceiling painting by Tiepolo, currently on loan to the National Gallery – there could be pressure on our museums to try to buy. But the risk arises that our museums would not be able to buy more than a few, and so there could be an exodus abroad. In this, as in all matters regarding the fund's collection, we are in Sotheby's hands. "We are actively selling off now, but are taking Sotheby's advice as to the timing," says the head of the fund, Maurice Stonefrost.

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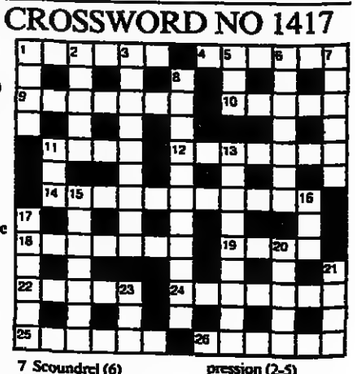

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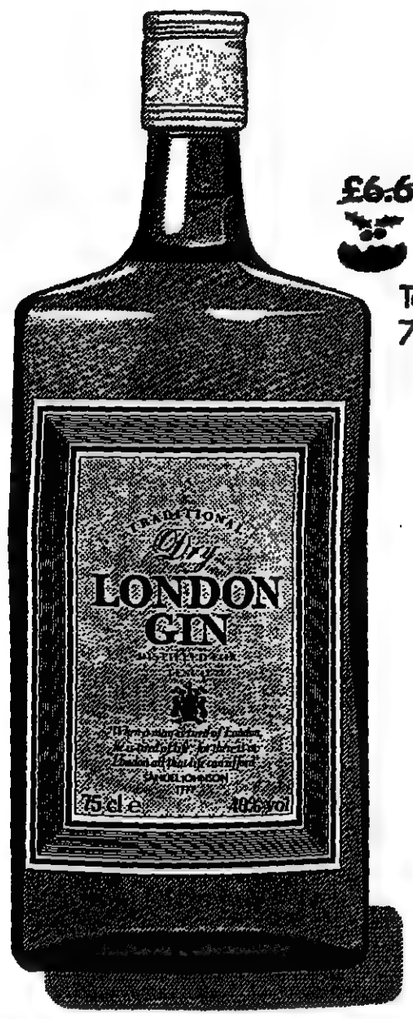

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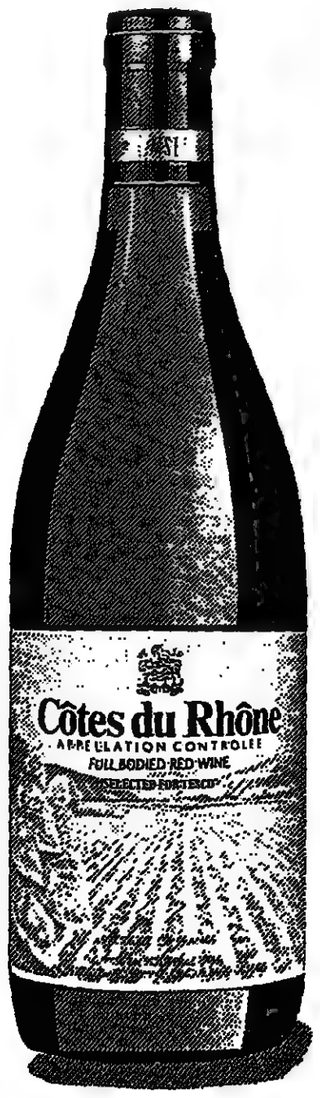

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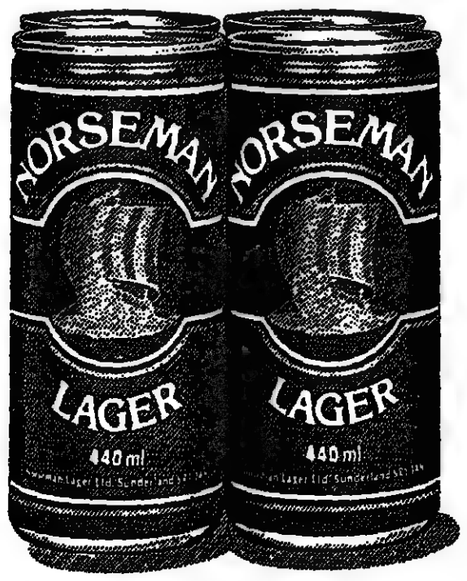

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THE TIMES DIARY

Woolsack wars

The new Lord Chancellor is no sooner installed on the Woolsack than Labour is trying to dismantle his empire in the Palace of Westminster. With the demand for desks from working peers increasing, it has been suggested that the 20-strong section of Lord Mackay's mob in charge of judicial appointments should move out, leaving him with just two rooms for his remaining team of seven. His legislation division has already been shifted – 18 months ago it vacated its offices in the House for a new domicile across Parliament Square. Eight of Labour's frontbench spokesmen are still cramped in one office and with 11 ex-Cabinet ministers now joining the government benches in the Upper House, its leader Lord Whitelaw is said to be "sympathetic" to the idea.

Fuming

Scottish prison authorities are investigating a complaint made by anti-smoking fanatic Stuart Holmes on his release on bail from Barlinnie prison on Tuesday. His grouse: he was robbed. Holmes had been languishing behind bars since his arrest in Glasgow two weeks ago outside the CBI conference. He says he handed over £88 to prison officers on arrival but when he left he was handed back just £56 and two withdrawal slips. The signatures on the slips, used for buying goods in the prison, are clearly forged, he claims. Living as he does from hand to mouth campaigning around the country against the weed, the poor chap had been looking forward to at least one aspect of prison life – that it was free.

● Don't expect a strong Liberal vote when the results come through tonight of the crucial Wandsworth by-election, on which hinges control of the south London council. The by-election notice board in *Liberal News* last week announced the poll was being held yesterday – November 18. In the same issue, party members were asked to help in retaining a Liberal seat on New Forest District Council at a by-election today. Eager canvassers will have been met by puzzled electors – votes were counted on November 5 and, perhaps unsurprisingly, the Tories gained the seat.

They also serve

The swingeing budget cuts currently enfeebling the US Department of State have hit America's ambassador-designate to Portugal harder than most. Career-diplomat Richard Vietz is still waiting – after more than three months – for his appointment to be ratified by Congress. To fill in time the State Department decided he should attend Portuguese language lessons in Washington. Now, however, even these tutorials have fallen victim to the cash squeeze. The State Department is unable to tell me how Vietz is now going to learn the lingo because, would you believe, they have been told not to make overseas calls.

BARRY FANTONI

'Come along dear, time for WestEnders'

Victorian values

What selfless civil servants we have working at the Victoria and Albert museum. At a private party there for Princess Margaret held last week by retiring director Sir Roy Strong, staff volunteered to double as wine waiters and pour the champagne. The 35 guests were then whisked off to dine with HRH at Kensington Palace. V&A press chief Graham Wiffen says such extra duties are not unusual: "Many a time have I swept the museum's steps before guests arrive for an evening reception."

Parting shots

Ironic postscript to the Channel 4 sensation: in pushing through the appointment of Alan Yentob as controller of BBC2, Michael Grade is said to have threatened to resign if his man did not get the job. In the event it was a threat that could safely have been ignored. There is also the question of whether Grade actually applied for the C4 job. In fact, technically, he did, some time ago. A letter to Sir Richard Attenborough on an unassociated matter included a PS: "If you can't find anybody else . . ." The defection surprised some even more than others. Apparently the first that John Birt, the deputy director-general, knew of it was on Monday night during a Television Centre dinner, which included the Kinnocks, when the phone rang with a media request for his reaction.

PHS

Danger of ditching the 'scabs'

by Judith Chaplin

When the TUC leader Norman Willis goes this afternoon to lobby *Conservative back-benchers* against the Employment Bill, he will expect a sympathetic hearing on at least one clause. This is Clause 3, the so-called "scabs' charter", which stops unions disciplining members who refuse to strike, even when such action has majority support through a ballot.

The clause has many opponents. No doubt Willis will go armed with statements from the Engineering Employers' Federation, the CBI, and even Conservative trade unionists, who have expressed their doubts about the proposal. Only the Institute of Directors supports the government's belief that this clause is not an unwarranted intrusion into union affairs.

The Employment Bill aims to end legal protection for the closed shop and it is this that forms the basis of the argument against Clause 3. It is being argued that if the right to belong to a union is now to be balanced by the right not to belong, a worker who is not prepared to act upon a majority decision should leave the union. He cannot have the benefits of club membership without supporting club rules.

But Conservative MPs and others should carefully consider the assumptions behind this argument before giving it their support. It would have more force if union membership were genuinely voluntary. But the new bill does not proscribe the closed shop. It removes legal immunity from a union taking action aimed at enforcing a closed shop, and obliges employers and unions to pay substantial compensation to anyone who can prove he or she was dismissed as a result of refusing to join a trade union. This is, of course, an admission that closed shops will continue.

Indeed the government, by not declaring the closed shop illegal, has to some extent forced Clause 3 on itself to protect employees whose jobs are at risk. Worse, the government condones the closed shop by not removing such statutory restrictions as the Dock Labour Scheme. Employers still collude with unions to enforce informal, often pre-entry, closed shop arrangements. It would be naïve to assume the new Act will make any rapid change to this, and meanwhile the union member who disagrees with a strike faces Hobson's choice: leaving the union and losing his job, or staying to face disciplinary action which could take the form of expulsion, leading to the same result.

Union membership is not analogous to membership of other voluntary clubs and associations. Within what other organization does a decision taken by fellow members bind the individual to break a legal contract between himself and a third party? Breach of contract of employment can lead to dismissal without compensation and properly so. As we enter an era of increasingly flexible working practices, with decentralized and performance-related pay, agreements between employers and employees will become more personal and depend less on collective negotiation.

The unions and others argue that releasing a minority from the effects of a majority decision is, in Norman Willis's words, "an insult to democracy". They fear it will undermine the authority of the pre-strike ballot. In practical terms, the minority pursuing its own interest will not damage the action of the majority unless the minority is substantial, in which case the strike may be ill-conceived and doomed to failure. But there is more at issue than that.

Opponents of Clause 3 believe they are on the side of fairness: that if a majority decision not to strike binds all members, a decision to strike should do the same. This is based on false symmetry. The requirement of a member to strike at the behest of a majority, when he does not think the action justified, may compel him to break his legal and binding contract of employment and put his livelihood at risk. A stipulation that he shall not strike may cross his wishes but involves no similar personal dilemma or penalty.

Pre-strike ballots are important to ensure that strike action should not be undertaken without majority support. Those who vote in favour take a short-term risk with employment in the hope of a long-term advantage if they succeed. Those who vote against should not be under pressure to take the *same risk and to break, in a cause* they do not support, a contractural undertaking. Clause 3 will not frustrate democratic union decisions on strike action, but it will protect the position of dissenting individuals, as the legislature of a democratic country should.

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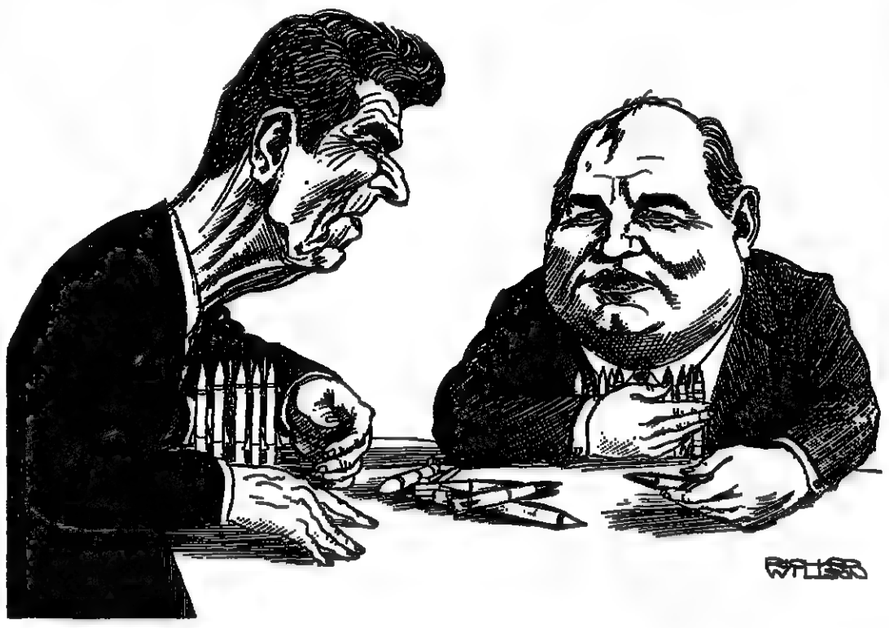
Michael Evans on missile verification, the key to a pre-summit deal



Life or death games of accountancy

A senior American intelligence official recently claimed in private that US reconnaissance satellites had never managed to photograph the medium-range Soviet SS20 missile. Someone even once suggested that it did not exist; that it was a master bluff by the Soviets.

In fact, the SS20 is normally housed inside a canister, and though they do not possess a colour picture of the missile, the Americans have a good idea of its dimensions and performance capability. But the remark does illustrate why on-site inspection of the SS20 bases and production lines has become the most crucial issue in the intermediate nuclear forces (INF) negotiations, now reaching their final phase before the planned summit in Washington on December 7.

The main hitches in the Geneva talks have all been about verification: how to draw up an unprecedented intrusive inspection regime on the ground to prevent the other side from cheating. This week Max Kampelman and Yuli Vorontsov, the two chief arms negotiators, have made considerable progress, but problems remain. New ground is being broken and both sides are still nervous.

The verification issue has come a long way since the INF talks began. At first the Soviets claimed that verification of the treaty to eliminate all ground-launched intermediate-range missiles from Europe could be achieved through "national technical means" – that is, photo-reconnaissance "spy" satellites.

This was never on. The missile business has changed dramatically since the Salt-agreement days of the 1970s. Then, US and Soviet satellites, which had significantly improved in technical quality, merely had to count fixed missile silos. Since the missiles could not be moved around at night or driven down the road to a new location, verification was not such an issue.

However, both superpowers decided that the next generation of missiles should be mobile. They would be less vulnerable to attack, more difficult to monitor and easier to hide. The deployment of small, mobile nuclear weapons, while providing a more effective deterrent, presented a formidable problem for arms control.

The American KH-11 spy satellite, built by the CIA and operated by the top-secret National Reconnaissance Office of Air Force Intelligence, contains three major remote sensing systems that can spot camouflage, see through clouds and in the dark. From 100 miles up it is said to be able to tell a Guernsey cow from a Hereford. Yet the Soviet Union covers a vast geographical area. With highly mobile missiles, even the world's best satellite cannot provide all the answers.

For example, no one in the CIA or the Pentagon is certain how many SS20s have been built and deployed or how many assembly points there are. For several years the Americans have confidently published the latest SS20 deployment figures when, according to one report in Washington, they were merely counting the number of garages for the missiles.

So agreement on verification on the ground became essential, not just for the INF treaty, but, more important, for future negotiations on strategic inter-continental ballistic missiles (ICBM) which, like the SS20 and Nato's ground-launched cruise missiles, will be mobile. The Russians have already deployed or are near to deploying two major mobile ICBMs, the SS25 and the SS-X-24. The US is planning rail-garrisons for the MX missile and the Midgetman will also be mobile.

Indeed, the verification guarantees that grow out of the INF negotiations will have a greater long-term political impact on East-West relations than the actual removal of more than 2,000 nuclear warheads from Europe. For Soviet acceptance of on-site inspection marked a fundamental change in their attitude towards the West.

According to senior US officials this is how the verification system will work:

Each side will produce a team of between 100 and 200 inspectors. The US requested the larger figure, so there will have to be a compromise. The first step will be a baseline inspection to ensure that the numbers of INF missiles are correct as the treaty is enforced. The declared missile-operating sites, such as Greenham Common and Molesworth, will also be checked, both before the missiles have been removed and after the facilities are closed.

The United States and Soviet Union will each build one "elimination facility" for destroying the missiles and their launch vehicles. The long range INF – SS20s, cruise and Pershing 2 – are to go within three years, the shorter range by 18 months. The US wants the missile numbers on both sides to be equal after two years, which would mean a faster initial destruction rate for the Russians because of their larger inventory. The Soviet Union is demanding that the number of American Pershing 2 missiles be halved by the two-year point.

A variety of methods of destruction has been agreed. For the first six months (a Soviet stipulation), the missiles will be destroyed by launching them, allowing them to burn up in the atmosphere. In the remaining period, the missiles will either be cut up or launched from "static firing". The missile stages will be strapped to a stand and burnt up.

The inspectors will count the warheads into the elimination facility, checking for dummies by using radiation detectors, but the fissile material and guidance systems will be removed in secret. The US is also hoping to save some of the expensive cruise missile rocket motors because they are identical to the submarine-launched and surface-launched cruise which are not covered by the INF treaty. The Russians are balking at this suggestion.

Likewise, Moscow is unhappy with the US demand to include the production plant of the ICBM SS25 – because of its similarity to the SS20 – among sites to be inspected over 10 years after the elimination of the INF missiles. The Russians have countered by demanding access to the General Dynamics factory in the US producing submarine-launched cruise missiles. This has been one of the major debating points which, by all accounts, has not yet been resolved.

The Americans are determined not to give in over the SS25 issue. They feel threatened by past evidence of Soviet treaty violations, and although they recognize that inspection inside the SS25 factory is impossible, they have proposed a system of "perimeter and portal monitoring", allowing observation of the missiles coming out of the plant to ensure they are not SS20s. To get their way, they may have to give similar facilities to the Russians at the General Dynamics plant.

However the negotiations go in the remaining two weeks, on-site inspection is not seen as a panacea for verification problems. It will not totally compensate for the gaps left by satellite reconnaissance. But it does mark an important stage in US-Soviet relations, and it will help to lay the foundations for the more complex negotiations ahead on strategic missile reductions.

David Walker argues that the poll tax will sidestep a vital element of council reform

Where Ridley's big bang won't reach

Maurice Tilley is the treasurer of the London Borough of Redbridge – that docile suburban territory *around Woodford and Ilford. In* many ways he is much more typical of local government in Britain than the much publicized inner-London boroughs, the Liverpools and Manchesters.

What Mr Tilley was saying yesterday in the wake of Nicholas Ridley's announcement that poll tax would come in a "big bang" was that he could cope. The computers and the registers would be in place in time for April 1, 1990. Demands would be sent out and non-payers chased. The machine would tick over.

The Environment Secretary, in other words, can rely on him. However much fuss and confusion there is elsewhere he will get his tax. But what else? The stated objectives of this upheaval are to make town halls more accountable, to establish an adult fiscal relationship between citizens and the councillors they put into office. Nicholas Ridley does not even believe that himself.

You do not make councils accountable by imposing a central limit on how much they can raise in taxes (which is what his "poll tax cap" idea involves). Rather, you make them accountable upwards, to the civil servants and ministers who set the targets.

And that fits with the primary – but softly stated – objective. Poll tax is about cutting municipal spending by means of more central control. It will have worked if, within a year or two of its introduction, the system has squeezed £1.5 billion from the expenditure of English councils.

The government has armed itself with an arrangement that can be called "son of rate-capping". If those adult electors choose to allow their councillors to spend more than the Treasury's plan allows, Ridley will be empowered to put a cap on the amount of the poll tax. In case that is not enough, he is to take powers to write the entire budget of a suspect local authority, line by line. To whom in those circumstances are councillors accountable? The answer can only be – Whitehall.

Two results follow from the fact the government is more worried about spending levels than the autonomous operation of a local electoral mechanism. Neither offers comfort to those who hoped this huge local government reform would be the last this century.

The government has gone down the road of centralizing power without centralizing responsibility. Responsibility for services (like schools or housing) has been left with the locality, while their finances (witness the control of teachers' pay by the Education Secretary) has been located firmly in Treasury territory. That awkward division cannot last more than a few years. From 1990, not only will the government directly apportion to councils 75 per cent of their spending, it will have *budgetary authority over the rest* where it chooses to intervene.

A second consequence is a period of great confusion in urban government, leading to marked differences in the form and functions of councils in different parts of the country. Much of that £1.5 billion of savings will have to come from London and other cities. Already local authorities such as Southwark and Liverpool are on the verge of administrative breakdown. Further pressure could send them over the brink.

Life may continue relatively unperturbed in the shire counties and Redbridge, though they too will soon feel the pinch of the government's grand schemes for schools and council tenants to opt out, and will be forced to put their services out for private tender. Already there are dark mutterings about the number and quality of people coming forward for election to local authorities. Howard Davies, the controller of the Audit Commission, recently pleaded with the government to consider the effect of its denigration of municipal works on the officials who run them.

Poll tax will not bring stability. It ignores the big question that has been unasked throughout the period of instability in council finances that began with the Layfield Committee's inquiry in the mid-1970s: what is local government for? To provide services, or to fulfil the pristine *ambition of John Stuart Mill and* the Victorian reformers to educate people in democratic procedure?

Ministers and councillors have alighted on the first. There remains to be articulated an alternative version of the purposes of local government – a restoration of civic purpose, an education ground for local leadership. It is tempting to hope that in the 1990s a phoenix may arise from the ashes. All that can be said for now is that the flames are rising high.

Ronald Butt

A BBC public disservice film

When Mr Duke Hussey took over as BBC chairman, he set about recreating the sense of accountability within the corporation that had somehow gone missing. Programme makers had increasingly assumed that whatever they chose to produce had some automatic right of public transmission. As well as questions of irresponsibility in some public affairs programmes, there was even more concern about the number and effect of programmes in which there was violence and sex of a pornographic tendency.

A fresh chain of command was therefore established, through which a habit of accountability could become the norm. The governors will set expected standards and want these to be met by a habit of reference through a responsive organization.

A new prevailing wind usually brings new responses. Even Mr Michael Grade, the BBC's managing director designate before his appointment this week to become the head of Channel 4, let it be known that he now thought it untenable to argue that broadcasting *should be exempt* from the Obscene Publications Act. It was a conversion to be taken with a pinch of salt, since Mr Grade, who fought the last obscenity bill tooth and nail in Parliament, is prepared to accept only the present act, which is largely unworkable.

Still, Mr Hussey felt confident enough that he was getting his own house in order, and before going to see Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, recently, he bought a few of the most violent videos, which he pushed across the table asking what Mr Hurd was going to do about those – to which nobody had an answer, the British Board of Film Classification plainly not being up to the job.

But how is this new mood of responsibility reflected in Mr Grade's involvement in the BBC's screening of advertisements made to *promote Mr Richard Branson's* new brand of contraceptives, with only the brand name taken out? These advertisements are socially irresponsible. They also breach the BBC's obligation not to advertise. The idea that the viewer cannot make the connection between the BBC-doctored version and the undoctored version on the commercial channels is as absurd as supposing that the advertising *slogan "Sch . . ." is of no benefit* to you know which tonic water.

Still, that evidently does not worry Mr Grade, who is a trustee of the foundation which will distribute to Aids charities the profits of the latest Branson venture. At its launch he denied the BBC was advertising. "The BBC," he said, "is not in the business of selling (trade name omitted) condoms. We are in the business of changing attitudes to condoms and trying to get more people to use condoms, whichever make."

But who appointed the BBC to "change attitudes to condoms"? Who sanctioned a quasi-advertisement which by its style is liable to encourage teenagers to assume that promiscuity is an acceptable and safe norm? Public service films normally come from the public sector and give advice on (say) avoiding accidents from fire, or in the streets, or to children. But this comes from a commercial source. The Home Office has asked the BBC to "brief" it about its decision.

The trigger or pretext for Mr Branson's latest venture is Aids. He is a clever self-publicizing entrepreneur whose vigour even prompted Mrs Thatcher to ask him to help give us cleaner cities. But Mr Branson, whose record business did well at a crucial moment out of "punk" and promoting those poor, talentless foul-mouthed wretches called the Sex Pistols (remember Johnny Rotten?) does not exactly share the same family values as those we associate with Mrs Thatcher, and he has made it clear why he has gone into cut-price condoms.

"My only concern is that my children will be able to grow up in a world where sexual relationships *are still a part of life.* If Aids continues to spread, that will be impossible. And the most reliable way to stop it spreading is for people to use condoms. That means women carrying packets around without feeling like tarts . . ." (*Today*) What he means is that he wants his children to grow up able to enjoy the free-for-all sexual climate promoted by pop groups, agony aunts and "counsellors" since the Sixties – but to enjoy it without Aids.

If he only wanted his children to be able to have sexual relationships without Aids, he could simply advise them against promiscuity. After all, sexual relationships have been "part of life" for quite some time now; what is new is the rapid spread of promiscuity and Aids with it. But condoms are not "the most reliable way" to stop the spread of Aids. They may well help those who insist on promiscuity, but the failure risk is too high to guarantee anything. Indeed, even the television advertisements only dare to say that they can help. The main messsage of the film of the embarrassed teenager in the chemist shop is that he quickly learns not to feel worried, since everybody's buying them.

Young people, the targets of the campaign, are being offered a dangerous hope of security in terms which, by suggesting that sleeping around (with a condom) is perfectly all right, implicitly encourage promiscuity. The BBC has been irresponsibly screening a public disservice film, and ITV too should think again about advertisements which cash in on the fear of Aids while self-interestedly avoiding the hard truth about promiscuity.

That, however, would be called preaching. Early in the Aids campaign, there was a "counselling" television programme for the young in which girls were badgered to say whether they would carry condoms in their handbags. One who said she wouldn't was told she was dishonest with herself, and when she persisted, was asked why. *She said, hesitantly,* "Well, I don't sleep around." "Oh," said a woman on the panel, "if you don't sleep around . . ." and turned away, sounding as though she had been confronted with a strange creature from outer space with whom there could be no communication. That little episode tells you all you need to know about the assumptions being fed into the very young. Now that Mr Grade is going to the land of the little red triangle, where he will be untrammelled by accountability, the BBC should discontinue these public disservice films and apologize for them.

however . . . Peter Evans

Home is where the graft is

The day a messenger arrived in the office with a single flower it was time to take the duties of Home Affairs Correspondent seriously. There was an accompanying invitation to a new florist somewhere in London which I did not accept, but that left the question of the bribe. I left the flower in a wastepaper basket on the way to the station, where I thought it could have a wider audience, but confessed to a lawyer friend on the train that I ought to have returned it with a stiff note saying I was above such things.

"But," he said, in the way lawyers have, "it's no different from a book being sent to a literary editor for review." "But one doesn't review flowers," I said.

The trouble is that word has got round on a crass PR network that Home Affairs is to do with homes, gardens, furniture, lavatories, even shops to do with homes; whereas, as you and I know, it's to do with the Home Office and *variations on that original theme.* Admittedly only one person has ever rung up to talk to me about their belief in my new-found role of kitchens and sinks correspondent, and that was because I had not replied to an invitation.

Yet every day, packed in my pigeon-hole with the crime statistics or the latest wheeze to offset the effects of the H-bomb, is a pile of PR envelopes. You never know what to expect. One day there was *a green telephone-card for a trivial* sum (not, as I recall, from British Telecom), which I left under the compost heap of papers on my desk, hoping it would simply rot away. It has disappeared. As I write, a letter warns me that an invitation is on its way to a champagne opening of some store or other. Why not just send the invitation?

No one in the criminal justice field has quite the same knack. Free handcuffs sent with the invitation to look over a refurbished police station would not be in the same league as a single flower or telephone card. True, I was offered a burglar alarm as a means of holding crime at bay, but I made my excuses and refused. As for the customers of the criminal justice world, they have even less to offer, being often the poor and wretched of the earth, though even that is changing. There is quite a middle class in jail these days. In the old days YP stood for young prisoners; these days it stands for yuppie. But some criminals are honest. I was once threatened by a gangster's associate but never bribed.

There remains the nasty feeling that the PR world, unconsciously, has sussed me out. On a provincial newspaper many years ago when the wages would not keep me and my family I used to write articles for the women's page under the name Sylvia Grey to earn something on the side. I chose Grey rather than Gray because I thought it was softer and somehow less masculine.

I can claim some success. The outstanding campaign was on safety in the home, as the result of seeing small children at crawling stage rushing round turning on the gas fires, but without lighting them. A serious business, being gassed. I just wonder what the reader thought I looked like, since one politician's wife once said of me in my masculine persona that I didn't look as bad as I wrote.

The end to a promising career came when a local Women's Institute invited me to speak. I apologized, saying I was pregnant.

So if any PR man actually reads a newspaper and sees what home affairs correspondents in fact write about – or, better still sees this article – and the flow of press releases about home-sweet-home *dries up, I will be more than* grateful.

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TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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THE LAW OF PRESIDENTS

It is best to leave aside the portentousness to which American legislators are peculiarly prone on these occasions. The Democrats have found that President Reagan presided over a crime; the Republicans, apart from three who voted with the Democrats, have found that all he presided over was a blunder.

The need to find a "crime" in the Iran-Contra affair is part of American politicians' post-Watergate determination to criminalize policies with which they disagree. But for once, a deed warrants the description which a cynical Frenchman gave to Napoleon's execution of his rival, the Duc Enghien — "worse than a crime, a blunder". The blunder of the Iran-Contra plot dwarfs any crime which could have been involved.

Mr Reagan admitted that he approved the scheme to sell arms to Iran in exchange for American hostages. He was supposed to be the deadly enemy of hostage-takers, of terrorists and of creeds which seek the destruction of the West. He had partly won the presidency on the strength of such a reputation. Suddenly he stood revealed as their appeaser.

Middle Eastern regimes, which had thrown in their lot with the United States, will have to live for years with the consequences of his folly. He had allowed himself to be swayed by personal appeals from the hostages' families. That said much for his humanity. But it also showed a craving for popularity which history may see as his greatest weakness. It would be wrong to go as far as another cynical Frenchman, who said that the "vice most fatal to a statesman is virtue", but that fatal vice might well be sentimentality.

It was, however, the Contra half of the plot which, once revealed, aroused the greater excitement of Congress. The money raised from the Iranian arms sales was to go to the Nicaraguan anti-government forces. Money appropriated by Congress had been forbidden — also by Congress — to be used to arm the Contras. But Admiral Poindexter and Lt-Col North denied that they had given the Contras any money appropriated by Congress, only money raised from arms sales to Iran. And Mr Reagan had said he had not known what was going on — something all too gleefully accepted by the Democrats.

The Democratic majority on the congressional committee is, therefore, confused as to *what the crime was, and who committed it.* Doubtless the United States, a continent full of lawyers, will uncover a crime in due course — poor thing though it may look in the end. If giving the money to the Contras was "a crime", must it be deplored?

Here we confront the post-Watergate mood — which makes crimes out of policies. We also confront the problem of a written constitution, any violation of whose letter can easily be depicted as being illegal. It is possible that an illegality was committed — and that the world should be grateful for the fact. We in Britain, of all people, should remember our reason to be grateful for "crimes" committed by an American president to aid an ally.

Congress — dominated by conservative isolationists rather than today's liberal variety — specifically outlawed the help which Roosevelt wanted to provide Britain after the outbreak of war in 1939 until America's entry into the war after Pearl Harbour in December, 1941. When the comparison is made with Mr Reagan's help for the Contras, Mr Reagan's opponents claim that Roosevelt's aid to Britain was always *out in the open*, that he openly defied Congress by flouting its edicts. This is untrue. Roosevelt secretly did for Britain what Congress had told him not to do. This included sending arms to Britain through private organizations in Canada.

Congress had forbidden US ships to engage German submarines in the Atlantic. But Roosevelt encouraged them to do so — and at a time when Hitler, anxious to avoid forcing America *into* the war, was telling his submarines not to engage the Americans.

After his "Atlantic Charter" meeting with Churchill in August, 1941, Roosevelt was asked whether America was any closer to entering the war. He replied: "I should say, no". But Churchill reported to the British war Cabinet that Roosevelt "would become more and more provocative . . . he would look for an *'incident' which would justify him opening hostilities*".

There were many such "incidents". But, in each case, it quickly became clear that it was the US navy which — with Roosevelt's encouragement — had provoked them. One example will suffice among many. Roosevelt accused the Germans of firing on the US destroyer Greer "without warning". But information was leaked which caused a congressional committee to ascertain from the navy that, in international waters, the US ship had pursued the submarine after being told its location by a British plane. In the end, America entered the war over Pearl Harbour — though Roosevelt had been far less provocative towards Japanese ships in the Pacific than towards German in the Atlantic.

His opponents, though, remained suspicious even then. After the war, lingering isolationism was still strong enough, and resentful enough, for Congress to inquire into pre-Pearl Harbour policy. It found something similar to the "shredding party" of Lt-Col North and Miss Fawn Hall: "evidences of records that had strangely disappeared".

History, then, should not be dated from Watergate. None the less, Mr Reagan's opponents will say that Roosevelt was trying to get into a war to save civilization. Hitler was conquering Europe at the time. The logic of this response is that a president must commit his illegalities only when the danger is overwhelming — that they would not have been justified, say, in 1934, just after Hitler came to power.

Mr Reagan believes the Nicaraguan regime is a threat to the security of other nations in Central America and to the United States, and may lead to the first Soviet presence on the mainland of the Americas. But, like Roosevelt, he cannot convince a majority of Americans of the danger. He may be proved wrong. But, if he never convinces the majority, it will be too late for America to do anything about it if he is proved right.

SERVICE FOR ALL

National Service in the Armed Forces was abandoned nearly 30 years ago and nobody who cares for their efficiency and fighting potential has many regrets. But the needs of the military have never been the only element in the argument about conscription. The disciplinary benefits of National Service have been widely aired. Its effects on youthful behaviour, and on attitudes towards authority are still commonly cited.

Yet with the passage of the years, the focus has shifted. Looked at from the 1980s, a decade of dislocation especially for young people facing an unfriendly labour market, National Service appears to have attractions. It offers a special kind of experience. It affords to individuals an opportunity to grow in character and spirit through exposure to institutions which can only function when the needs of individuals are subordinated to the interests of the whole.

The original National Service, moreover, provided a *common* experience. It integrated young people of different classes and educational backgrounds as well as generations. It strengthened the ties of nationhood.

For that reason the idea of a period, common to all youth, spent in conditions approximating to those of the Armed Forces has retained a following across the political spectrum. The Prince of Wales yesterday broached the idea — typically — by drawing on his personal experience. His article for the Economic and Social Research Council was candid. His prose style, it might gently be observed, is not light; but the sentiments he conveyed exhibit, not for the first time, that profound sense of concern for the fate of the nation in history which the House of Windsor has made its hallmark.

Few of the Queen's subjects have travelled as extensively within the United Kingdom and though the Prince can hardly be said to meet young people in normal circumstances, there is no gainsaying the wealth of contact he has made. His fear of young people's under-utilized energy turning into social frustration is widely shared. Likewise his observation of the many ways in which youthful enthusiasm could be channelled to benefit fellow citizens and the environment.

It is the next step that is the difficult one. How to translate the Prince's vision into an institution that is neither bureaucratic and distant nor tainted with partisan politics? For all the sniping of the Opposition, the Youth Training Scheme does provide a model here of how a government agency can create opportunities through a series of local initiatives, involving both the public and private sector. Prince Charles perhaps envisages something stronger, an institution able to make young people do, as he puts it, things we initially do not like to do.

The Prince has made a suggestion which, intuitively, many people will endorse. Perhaps the Economic and Social Research Council could thank its royal contributor by, for once, throwing off its Whitehall timidity and academic fastidiousness and responding to his request for a concrete study of how National Community Service might be organized.

Prison care

From Mrs Judy Veale

Sir, After a day trip to a "happy" prison, T. E. Utley (article, November 9) believes "that prisoners should be asked to accept the fact that society does not much care about them".

If he had instead visited less congenial settings he would have found that in detention and youth-custody centres and in women's prisons and girls' establishments the majority of young prisoners come from backgrounds where harsh reality has already forced them to accept this bleak fact.

There are prisons where conditions are civilised and regimes which offer education and trade training which kindles in those able to take advantage of them a hope for employment on release. More important, the acquisition of a skill engenders, perhaps for the first time, that sense of self-esteem which separates the hopeful from the hopeless. Hope for the future, employment and a settled home are the ingredients of a crime-free existence.

If this nation wishes to continue to shoulder the burden of the £750 million per annum required to maintain the present prison system, then the only way to do so is to contain society's rejects in uncivilised and degrading conditions which harden antisocial attitudes and provide further incentives for revenge on release.

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Village schools

From Colonel D. C. S. David (retd)

Sir, Mr Ian Niven (November 13) refers to the need for the Church authorities to adopt a more flexible attitude as trustees so that children of the village may benefit from the sale of a disused Church of England school.

The decision may not rest with the Church trustees. In this village the trustees wished to use part of the proceeds of the sale to contribute to the provision of rooms for juvenile activities including Sunday school which, in accordance with the trust deed, had formerly been held in the school.

They were advised that the disposal of the proceeds of sale would be determined by the Secretary of State for Education and Science and that the first priority was normally for an amount up to the cost of the new school site to be allocated to the local education authority.

Only if money was left over from this (which in our case is unlikely) would an allocation be made to the diocesan education department, who might pass on part of it to the parish. Thus there is a danger that the intention of the donor of the school to promote religious as well as secular education will be ignored.

Yours faithfully,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lost liberty in House committees

From Mr Peter Fry, MP for Wellingborough (Conservative)

Sir, Lord St John of Fawley's article on November 10 regarding the House of Commons select committees mentioned two areas of difficulty over their reappointment.

In fact there is a more serious constitutional point that he missed. Whilst the members of each committee are proposed by the selection committee in rough proportion to the strength of party groupings in the House, once selected and approved the members are not being allowed to be free in making one vital decision regarding themselves. This is over the appointment of the committee chairman.

In theory the committees were set up as House of Commons, not Government or official Opposition, committees to give backbenchers the only real opportunity they have to question both ministers and Civil Servants closely over the policy and conduct of the various departments of state. I would contend that as such the committees should be free to conduct their business as they themselves wish without outside interference.

Unfortunately this is not the case. Owing to a "behind the chair" deal some committees, it is deemed, are to have Conservative chairmen, others a Labour one. Any member of any other party has no hope whatsoever. What makes matters worse is that if it is a Conservative choice the Labour members are advised not to interfere and are effectively disfranchised because they are told it is up to the Conservative members to decide. In fact the nominee has usually been suggested by the Whips' office.

A similar situation occurs in reverse where there is a Labour chairman. It is even more unsatisfactory as all committees have a Conservative majority and therefore the majority have no say in the choice of their chairmen.

This might be acceptable in the case of the Scottish and Welsh committees, where a clear majority of the members of Parliament for those countries are Labour members. But it is something of a nonsense in relation to England, where the overwhelming number of members of Parliament are Conservatives.

I would suggest that the arrangement I have outlined is unsatisfactory and an affront to the liberties of backbenchers. Either there should be a clear and unequivocal declaration to the House that there should and will be no intervention by the respective Whips' offices or any "rules" or "agreements" should be put to the House for its approval. At least then there would be a clear understanding of the true position.

Only when this comes about will select committees be clearly seen to be free of undue external influence, and only then can they truly fulfil the hopes of Lord St John.

Yours faithfully,
PETER FRY,
House of Commons.
November 13.

Marking for GCSE

From the Secretary to the Joint Council for the GCSE

Sir, Mr Nash, in his letter, "'Soggy' English" (November 5), demonstrates in his criticisms of GCSE English a lack of knowledge and of awareness of developments over recent years.

Many CSE and GCE examining boards have operated 100 per cent continuous-assessment schemes in English for a number of years, based on the competence and integrity of the teacher. Indeed there is evidence to show that teachers, in assessing pupils for public examination awards, tend to be more severe than external examiners. The examining groups are not so irresponsible as to adopt an attitude of "send us the grade, we will print the result"; moderating systems possessing the same rigour as standardising systems for external marking, tested over a number of years and approved by the SEC (Secondary Examinations Council) are being operated.

In his comment on a "mixed-ability paper", Mr Nash ignores the importance of the marking scheme. One of the principles on which GCSE is based is differentiation — candidates should be able to show what they know, understand and can do. In English, as in other arts and humanities subjects, the method of differentiation is "by outcome" — the same stimulus is set for the whole ability range with the marking scheme catering for different levels of response.

Mr Nash should note that:
1. The assessment objectives are not listed in any hierarchical order, let alone one of decreasing importance.
2. The emphasis in the assessment objective to which he refers is on "control".

Finally, the secretary of state's "experts" who produced the criteria were largely teachers of English and the criteria went through a process of consultation which included every GCE and CSE board registered centre.

The aim of the secretary of state is to raise educational standards; the Joint Council for GCSE will fully support this aim through the maintenance of examination standards.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. EDMUNDSON, Secretary,
The Joint Council for GCSE,
23-29 Marsh Street,
Bristol, Avon.

A bad blow

From Mr J. H. Wainwright

Sir, I do not want to take issue with Sir Richard Posnett (November 6) over his suggested method of obtaining consent for tree felling. Indeed, far from being "a way round" tree preservation orders, it is the proper way of proceeding. Local planning authorities often have to act in haste in making such orders, to prevent premature action by an owner and a subsequent application to fell, together with a right of appeal if the application is refused, renders superfluous the need for an appeal against the order itself.

I do, however, wish to correct the impression Sir Richard has that he was granted consent by my council to fell trees on his land because of an implied threat of an appeal if consent had been withheld. The original order affected a belt of evergreen and deciduous trees which were considered, as a group, to be important to protect the privacy and amenities of residents of existing properties and of new development under construction.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. WAINWRIGHT
(Planning and Development Manager),
Waverley Borough Council,
Council Offices,
The Burys,
Godalming, Surrey.

Turkish studies

From Professor C. H. Dodd

Sir, Dr Shivtiel should certainly speak up for provision for modern Arabic as he did (November 9) but not at the expense of Turkish. As a consequence of the Parker report to the University Grants Committee only two Turkish posts were created out of a total of 45 (not "a number"), even though Turkey was a country placed high on the Parker list. Both these posts have been filled by scholars with modern interests.

Whilst deeply appreciative of the intellectual richnesses offered by Ottoman history, language and culture, teachers of Turkish are fully aware of the importance of modern Turkish studies. Turkey is a large and populous state, vitally important for Western defence, possessing a burgeoning economy and a much-misunderstood democratic system of government, and is currently applying to join the European Community. It is a country we badly need to be better informed about in Britain and in Europe.

Yours faithfully,
C. H. DODD
(Chairman, Standing Committee of University Teachers of Turkish),
Middle East Centre,
School of Oriental and African Studies,
Malet Street, WC1.

Law on charities

From Mr Calton Younger and others

Sir, Members of Parliament on the Commons Public Accounts Committee have complained about the "grievous shortcomings" of the Charity Commission (report, October 29). We would like to express our support for the commission.

Our experience of the commissioners and their staff, which we know is shared by several other trusts whose names do not appear here, is that they seek to do their best despite continuing pressure from the Government to cut staff and expenditure while, at the same time, additional charities are being registered at the rate of some 4,000 a year.

Parliament must address itself to simplifying and modernising the law regulating charities, to the powers needed in today's conditions to ensure speedy and effective action when that law is abused, and then to provide adequate resources.

It is not good enough for anyone to be party to the minimising of the resources of the commission and then indignantly blame the commission and its chief commissioner for the consequences.

Yours truly,
CALTON YOUNGER (The Chase Charity),
GILLIAN DAVIES (Allen Lane Foundation),
ANTHONY WILSON (Barrow & Geraldine S. Cadbury Trust),
TIMOTHY COOK (City Parochial Foundation),
RONALD HOWELL (Magdalen Hospital Trust),
DAVID SCOTT (National Association of Almshouses),
34 North End Road, W14.
November 9.

Defining Europe

From the Bursar of Wolfson College, Oxford

Sir, A sign on the approach roads to a south-east coast town reads, "Welcome to Newhaven, gateway to Europe"; an illuminated sign in the suburban concourse at Victoria Station points an arrow to "Europe"; in a recent debate in the House of Lords the Government spokesman referred to (the rest of) the European Community as "Europe".

Surely the time has long passed that, at the official level at least, we can differentiate geographically and politically between Europe and the Continent?

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER WALTON,
Bursar,
Wolfson College, Oxford.

Copyright threat to family photos

From Mr Christopher Morcom

Sir, Correspondence relating to the proposed copyright legislation (November 12) has rightly emphasised the importance of giving proper protection to authors, painters and photographers. May I raise a point on behalf of another body of people, the general public?

Under existing law, in the case of certain commissioned works, including photographs, and paintings or drawings of portraits, the copyright generally belongs to the person who commissioned the work, if he paid or agreed to pay for it in money or money's worth.

As you reported recently (October 29), the Arts Council and the Royal Academy have succeeded in their campaign against this provision, in the sense that clause 11 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill, if enacted, will reverse the position.

Many commissioned photographs are taken on family occasions, such as weddings. Similarly personal are portraits, whether drawings, paintings or photographs. Under the proposed new law, the photographer or artist would apparently be at liberty to sell the work, for example to a newspaper, without the need to obtain the permission of the commissioner. It seems that the legitimate interest of the commissioner has been overlooked.

It is really a question of privacy, which has for far too long been neglected under English law. At least the existing law does give some protection in the case of commissioned works, as was demonstrated in 1960 in the case of *Williams v Settle*. A change in the law would no doubt benefit the photographer and the artist, as well as the media, but what is proposed is in this particular respect against the public interest.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER MORCOM,
1 Essex Court,
Temple, EC4.
November 12.

Sexual morality

From the Bishop of Jarrow

Sir, Now that the synodical sexual dust has more or less settled, may I write to thank Bernard Levin for his outstanding article (November 12). In talking about the nature of the Church of England he seems to me to have come nearest to the heart of the matter. The debate was more about this than about the question of morality — though whether the Church should follow an undiscriminating hard line or the loving, but much tougher, ethos of the new dispensation is, alas, still a matter of debate.

Over the past few years we have seen a nasty slide into moral and credal sectarianism, buttressed by an attempt to confine authentic revelation, within and through the committed group. The Church of England, however, at its best, has always believed that God also speaks about behaviour outside its paid-up members, through the moral and not so moral (c.f. many events and stories in Luke's Gospel), and about belief through those who do not sit in the pews (c.f. many events in Mark's Gospel).

It really is an urgent and continuing debate about the nature and channels of revelation, and I hope the discussion will be seen as such. Otherwise, I fear, there will be little growth in wisdom and love — though even among those of us who are committed miracles are possible.

Yours faithfully,
†MICHAEL JARROW,
Melkridge House,
Gilesgate, Durham.

From the Archbishop of York

Sir, I feel impelled to comment on your leading article's (November 16th) singularly ungenerous reference to myself. To accuse me of ungenerously wanting only "dialogue with Christians" in the Conservative Party when I was in process of defending a report which advocates the widest possible discussion of such matters across religious and cultural barriers seems perverse to say the least.

My reference to "dialogue with Christians" was directed towards what is already happening. If the Conservative Party as such wants constructive conversations about its philosophy with the Church of England, no one would welcome it more than I.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN EBOR:,
Bishopthorpe,
York.
November 16.

Stamp duty

From the Reverend John Young

Sir, This morning I received a request for a reference from Cambridgeshire County Council. No stamped addressed envelope was enclosed and this appears to be an increasing practice within the public sector.

Having retired from college work, I continue to act as referee for several students and do not resent paying for secretarial help. However, I do resent subsidising public bodies by paying their postage costs.

So I have developed the following policy: if, for the candidate's sake, the reference requires a speedy response, I post it complete with a first-class stamp and without a protest note. But if there is no great urgency, it is my practice to mark the envelope "Official mail: reference enclosed" and to post it without a stamp.

May I encourage other reference writers to adopt a similar practice, in the hope that the increased postal costs thus incurred might force public bodies to face their own financial responsibilities.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN YOUNG,
123 Hamilton Drive,
York.
November 13.

Error of judgement

From Mr Philip R. Noakes

Sir, Like Mr Jaques (November 5) I was once tempted to turn a blind eye to a typing error.

The final draft of a circular dispatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies invited colonial governments to put on special "nudist plays" at the then Imperial Institute as a contribution to the Festival of Britain in 1951.

The response to the (duly amended) dispatch was a large number of excellent little new displays.

Yours faithfully,
P. R. NOAKES,
Little St Mary's,
St Mary's Lane,
Uplyme,
Lyme Regis, Dorset.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 19 1839

Emancipation of slaves in the French colonies was eventually decreed in 1848

SLAVERY.

The *Gazette des Tribunaux* contains an account of a most interesting and, as connected with the slavery question in the French colonies, important trial, which took place before the Court of Assizes at Guadaloupe on the 21st of August last:—

In the night of the 28th of May, a negro named Jean Pierre, who had escaped from his master, a colonist, named Amé Noel, who is the owner of nearly 500 slaves, was arrested in the house of another negro, and, after considerable resistance, delivered up to the custody of his master. It appears that the slave, Jean Pierre, had frequently absconded from the plantation to which he belonged and had been more than once punished; but, on the present occasion, the anger of his master was excited against him in a peculiar degree by his having stated that he had detected a female, named Delphine, the concubine of Amé Noel, in *soucognan* (the name given by the negroes to a supposed contract with the devil, in which, according to their superstitious belief, the party treating with the demon has the faculty of becoming invisible, and is invested with all the powers of evil.) The police or military agent by whom Jean Pierre was arrested, on delivering him up to his master, recommended that he should be put into a place of safety, and that his master should immediately apply, on account of the turbulent indiscipline of his negro, for permission to transport him from the colony. This advice was only followed as to securing the person of the slave. He was placed by the orders of his master in a close cell, and attached to the bedstead in such a way that he could neither stand nor lie, his legs being placed in an instrument of torture, called the *barre*, and his arms drawn up by a rope towards the roof. In this situation Amé Noel and his mistress twice visited him, and beat him cruelly with sticks. Another slave was placed over him, with orders to feed him with the coarsest food in a very small quantity, and to give him water only once a day. The torture which he experienced was such that he rejected the food which was offered to him and a fever came on, attended with horrible thirst. The slave who was placed before him broke through the orders of his master, and now and then gave him water by stealth, but he could not do so in sufficient quantity to quench the thirst with which he was afflicted . . . After a five days' suffering not to be described and during the whole of which time the poor slave could not move a muscle of his body, death came to his relief. When dead, his inhuman master ordered his body to be thrown over a cliff, but some slave, during the night, and unknown to Amé Noel, dug a hole and buried it. This horrible affair being denounced to the authorities, proceedings on a charge of murder were taken against Amé Noel, his mistress Delphine and a man named Bellony, the house-steward of Amé Noel, who had been a leading actor in this horrible tragedy . . . Amé Noel, who is 72 years of age and partly of negro origin, but one of the richest colonists in Guada-loupe, treated the proceedings with great levity, and seemed astonished that his right to do as he pleased with his own should be disputed. All the facts above stated were proved beyond a doubt and the Procureur-General pressed hard for a conviction. The counsel for the prisoners, however, contended that they had not exceeded the law in the punishment of their victim . . . When the trial, which lasted five days, was over, the assessors . . . returned a verdict of "acquittal" on the charge of murder, and merely condemning the chief prisoner to a fine of 300*f.* for an infringement of article 358 of the penal code in the treatment of his slave . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 18: The Queen, Joint Patron, this afternoon visited the British Museum for the inauguration of the Exhibition "Glass of the Caesars".

Her Majesty was received upon arrival by the Mayor of the London Borough of Camden (Councillor Jerry Williams), His Excellency the Italian Ambassador (Signor Boris Biancheri) and the Chairman, Trustees of the British Museum (the Lord Windlesham).

Subsequently upon entering the Museum The Queen was received by The Duke of Gloucester (The Sovereign's Appointee to the Board of Trustees to the British Museum), accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester, and the Director of the Museum (Sir David Wilson).

The Countess of Airlie, Mr Robert Fellowes, Sir Geoffrey de Bellaigue and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the National Playing Fields Association, this afternoon at Buckingham Palace presented the 1987 President's Certificates.

His Royal Highness, Honorary Fellow of the Plastics and Rubber Institute, later presented the Sixth Prince Philip Award at Buckingham Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Muscular Dystrophy Group of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, this afternoon at Buckingham Palace received a cheque on behalf of the Group from Sir Mark Weinberg and the Allied Dunbar Sales Force Foundation.

His Royal Highness, President and Senior Trustee, this evening attended a meeting of the Trustees of the Westminster Abbey Trust at Westminster Abbey.

The Duke of Edinburgh afterwards attended a fund raising dinner for the Wiener Library Endowment Appeal at the Banqueting House, Whitehall.

Major Rowan Jackson, RM was in attendance.

The Duke of York this afternoon attended the Kodachrome Challenge Prize Presentation at Hill and Knowlton (UK) Limited, 11a West Halkin Street, London SW1.

The Duke and Duchess of York this evening attended the Royal Concert at the Royal Albert Hall.

Miss Helen Hughes and Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer were in attendance.

The Prince Edward this evening switched on the Christmas Lights in Regent Street, London W1.

His Royal Highness was received by the President, Regent Street Association (Mr Paul Taylor).

Captain James Fraser was in attendance.

The Queen was represented by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Grandy at the Memorial Service for Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir William Dickson which was held in St Clement Danes, Strand, London WC2 today.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Denis Spotswood.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 18: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning opened the new Law Courts in Birmingham.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother subsequently honoured the Lord Mayor of Birmingham (Councillor F. Grattidge) with her presence at Luncheon at the Council House.

Her Majesty travelled in an Aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Lady Grimthorpe, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain Niall Hall were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 18: The Prince of Wales gave a luncheon at Kensington Palace for editors.

His Royal Highness this afternoon at Kensington Palace received Sir Raymond Lygo, Mr Ralph Robins and Mr Brian Young.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, this evening at Kensington Palace gave a reception for Regional Co-ordinators and Staff.

The Princess of Wales this morning opened the St Ann's Shopping Centre, Harrow, Middlesex.

Viscountess Campden and Commander Richard Aylard, RN were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 18: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President of the Friends of the Elderly and Gentlefolk's Help, this afternoon opened the John Kinross Wing of the Society's Collin and Torr Home in Wimbledon.

Lady Elizabeth Cavendish was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 18: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Winged Fellowship Trust, this morning received Lady Hamilton on relinquishing the appointment as Chairman of the Trust.

Her Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales's Own), later received Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Morris on assuming the appointment as Commanding Officer.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 18: The Duke of Kent, Patron of the Army Ski Association, this evening attended a Reception to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Association which was held at Moet and Chandon (London) Limited, Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1.

Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 18: Princess Alexandra this afternoon attended a Commemorative Service held at St Martin-in-the-Fields to mark the 70th Anniversary of People's Dispensary for Sick Animals, of which Her Royal Highness is Patron.

Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Princess Alexandra was represented by the Hon Angus Ogilvy at the Memorial Service for Mr Henry Ford II which was held in St George's Church, Hanover Square this morning.

Lady Davina Windsor is 10 years old today.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Fellow of the Fellowship of Engineering, will present the 1987 MacRobert award at Buckingham Palace at 10.30; and as President of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, will present the prizes to the winners of the ESU English Language competitions and will preside at a meeting of the English Language Committee, at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Prince of Wales will visit Robertson Research, Ty'n-y-Coed, Llanrhos, Llandudno, North Wales, at 10.10. Later he will visit Iceland Frozen Foods, Deeside Industrial Park at 12.30 and present the Prince's Youth Business Trust bursaries at British Aerospace, Broughton, at 2.30.

The Duke and Duchess of York will attend a reception at the Museum of Army Flying, and afterwards will attend a dinner in the Officers' Mess of the Army Air Corps, at Middle Wallop, Hampshire, at 6.45, in aid of the Development Trust of the Museum of Army Flying.

The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior of the Order of St John, will hold a reception and investiture of Knights and Dames at St James's Palace at 10.50.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of the Asthma Research Council, will attend a service of thanksgiving in Westminster Abbey at 11.55.

The Duke of Kent, President of the Automobile Association, will attend a committee meeting at Basingstoke, Hampshire, at 2.10; and, as president, accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, will attend the Royal Television Society diamond jubilee ball, at Grosvenor House, at 7.20.

Receptions

World Orthopaedic Concern
World Orthopaedic Concern held a reception at the Royal Society of Medicine on Friday, November 13, to meet the first Lipmann Kessel Travelling Professor to the Third World, Professor Mercer Rang, of Toronto. Over the next six weeks Professor Rang will be teaching orthopaedics in five East African countries. Representatives of the Royal College of Surgeons, the Orthopaedic Section of the RSM, and the arts were among the guests.

Airey Neave Trust
Mrs Odette Hallowes, GC, was the guest of honour at a reception held by the Airey Neave Trust on Monday at the Palace of Westminster to mark the publication of the book *Political Trials in Poland 1981-1986* by Andrzej Swidlicki, winner of the 1983 Airey Neave Memorial Trust award. Lord Colnbrook, chairman of the trust, and Mr Peter Sowden, director of Croom Helm Publishers Limited, received the guests.

Lord Chelwood and Mr Dennis Walters, MP
Lord Chelwood, president, and Mr Dennis Walters, MP, Chairman of the Conservative Middle East Council, were hosts at a reception held yesterday at the House of Commons in honour of the Arab Ambassadors. Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, who addressed the meeting, was the principal guest.

Memorial service

***Marshal of the RAF* Sir William Dickson**
The Queen was represented by Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy and the Duke of Edinburgh by Marshal of the RAF Sir Denis Spotswood at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Marshal of the RAF Sir William Dickson held yesterday at St Clement Danes.

The Ven G.R. Renowden, Chaplain-in-Chief of the RAF, officiated. Mrs Susanna Vedel, daughter, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Alasdair Steedman, also representing the RAF Benevolent Fund, read the lessons. Marshal of the RAF Sir Dermot Boyle, also representing the Order of the Bath, gave an address.

Sir William's orders, decorations and medals were borne to the Sactuary by Wing Commander G. Brindle, Headquarters Strike Command, RAF High Wycombe, Wing Commander J.P. Anderson, Officer Commanding No 25 Squadron, RAF Wyton, and Wing Commander M.J. Bruce, Officer Commanding No 56 Squadron, RAF Wattisham. Among others present were:

Lady Dickson (widow), Mr Peter Vedel, Mr Mark Vedel and Miss Alexandra Vedel (grandchildren), Sir George Allen (brother-in-law) and other members of the family.

The Earl of Selkirk, QC (representing the Royal Society for Asian Affairs), the Viscount and Viscountess of Oxfurd, Lord and Lady Fanshawe of Richmond, Field Marshal Lord Bramall, Field Marshal Lord Carver, Sir Frank and Lady Cooper, Air Commodore the Hon T C Elworthy, the Hon Mrs S D Macdonald, Sir John and Lady Bowman, Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse (Chief of the Defence Staff), Field Marshal Sir Richard Hull, Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael and Lady Beetham.

Admiral Sir David Williams (president, Ex-services Mental Welfare Society) with Air Vice-Marshal C V Winn (chairman) and Mrs Winn; General Sir Robert Ford (president, Forces Help Society) with Brigadier H G W Hamilton (chairman), Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Armitage (Air Member for Supply and Organisation) and Lady Armitage, Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis and Lady Barnett, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough, Air Chief Marshal Sir Harry and Lady Broadhurst, Air Chief Marshal Sir David Craig (Chief of the Air Staff) and Lady Craig, Air Chief Marshal Sir Kenneth and Lady Cross, Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris (chairman, Battle of Britain Fighter Association) and Lady Foxley-Norris, Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund and Lady Hudleston, Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas and Lady Kennedy, Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace and Lady Kyle, Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas and Lady Pritchard, Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil and Lady Wheeler, Vice-Admiral Sir Ronald Brockman, Air Marshal Sir Roy Austen-Smith, Air Marshal Sir Edward Chilton, Air Marshal Sir Denis and Lady Crowley-Milling, Air Marshal Sir Patrick Dunn, Air Marshal Sir Maurice Heath, Air Marshal Sir Brendan Jackson (representing the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, RAF Strike Command), Air Marshal Sir Laurence Jones (Air Member for Personnel) and Lady Jones, Air Marshal Sir John and Lady Lapsley, Air Marshal Sir Douglas Morris, Air Marshal Sir David Parry-Evans (Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Programmes and Personnel)), Air Marshal Sir Charles Soutar, Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Tuttle.

Major-General Sir Desmond and Lady Langley, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Edgar Lowe, Lady Boyle, Sir Ewen Broadbent, Lady Bromet, Sir Stewart Crawford, Sir George Edwards, OM, Lady Grandy, Sir Barrie and Lady Heath, Lady Humphrey, Lady Ivelaw-Chapman, Sir Ronald and Lady Melville, Sir Richard Powell, Lady Spotswood, Lady Stevens, Sir Clive Whitmore (permanent Under Secretary of State for Defence), Mr and the Hon Mrs J G Hogg.

Rear-Admiral A M Norman (representing the First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff), Air Vice-Marshal C H Beamish (president, RAF Golfing Society) with Wing Commander R D I Scott (chairman), Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs H Bird-Wilson, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs G B Chamberlain, Air Vice-Marshal F D G Clark, Air Vice-Marshal R A Ramsay Rae, Captain C B Brooke, RN (president, SSAFA), Mr P L Dortlacher (Ends of the Earth Club), Group Captain H W Hall (representing the Commandant, Joint Service Defence College), Mr D J Jewell (Master of Haileybury) and Mrs Jewell with Mr A G Macpherson (president and secretary, Haileybury Society) and Mr D G Blakeway-Smith (Officer Commanding, RAF Section of Haileybury CCF).

Colonel N Kolodin (representing Assistant Air Attaché, Soviet Embassy), Air Vice-Marshal A Maisner (president, Polish Air Force Association), Colonel P B Murphy (president, Franco-Britannique Association) and Mrs Murphy, Flight Lieutenant P Tuhill (Aircrew Association) and Mrs Tuhill, Mrs R F Carlos (RNLI, Newbury branch), Mrs M Haynes (Charles Hall, Solicitors), Mr P J D Langrishe (chairman, Wynnstay Properties).

Mr H Davies, Mr and Mrs J A de Laszlo, Mr and Mrs D G Hogg, Mrs E Hogg, Mr D C Humphreys, Mr T C G James, Mr J Lock, Wing Commander P B (Laddie) Lucas, Commander and Mrs J Marriott, Group Captain L Martin, Air Commodore and Mrs E D McK Nelson, Mr W P L Newcombe, Mr R J Penney, Mr J R Stevens and Mr E W Swanton.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr I.F. Johnson and the Hon E.A.C. Evans
The engagement is announced between Ian, only son of Mr and Mrs A.F. Johnson, of Oswestry, Shropshire, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Lord and Lady Evans of Claughton, of The Wirral, Merseyside.

Mr M.A. Bruce and Miss C.M. Mattocks
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the Hon James Bruce, of Balmanno, Perthshire, and the Hon Mrs Jean Bruce, of Glen Tanar, Aberdeenshire, and Claire, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Mattocks, of Brussels, Belgium.

Mr R.N. Maitland and Miss D. Stuart
The engagement is announced between Robin, second son of Mr and the Hon Mrs John Maitland, of Alkerton Grange, Eastington, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, and Deborah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Watson Stuart, of Number One, Market Place, Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

Mr M.D. Batt and Miss R.L. Hurst
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs P.D. Batt, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, and Rebecca, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.D. Hurst, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Mr N.G. Blanshard and Miss C.H. Oliver
The engagement is announced between Nigel, second son of Dr and Mrs G.P. Blanshard, of Fulmer, Buckinghamshire, and Christine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.H. Oliver, of Upton, Leicestershire.

Mr N.S. Block and Miss A.J. Hatton
The engagement is announced between Neil, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.S. Block, of Southgate, London, and Amanda, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L.J. Hatton, of Preston, Lancashire.

Mr P.H. Boughton and Miss E.M.V. Lang
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs R.H. Boughton, of Guildford, Surrey, and Elisabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Lang, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr C.J. Forrest and Miss A.E. Jones
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Norman Hills, of Dovercourt, Essex, and Anna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Jones, of West Milton, Bridport, Dorset.

Mr M.A. Garraway and Miss S.S. Jones
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Allan Garraway, of Lusaka, Zambia, and Sandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs Don Jones, of Chipstead, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr P.H. Guest and Miss D.J. Macfarlane
The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Guest, of Lower Bettws Farm, Witney-on-Wye, Herefordshire, and Donna Jean, daughter of the late Mrs Jean Storey Macfarlane and the late Donald Lee Macfarlane, of Piedmont, California, United States.

Mr P.E.J. Hill and Miss L.M. Silva
The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of Mr and Mrs Colin Hill, of Barcombe, East Sussex, and Lynda, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Silva, of Sydney, Australia.

Mr S.C. Horan and Miss C.L. Edwards
The engagement is announced between Simon Charles, younger son of Mrs M. Horan and the late Mr T.S. Horan, of Chilton Polden, Somerset, and Caroline Lucy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Edwards, of Southport, Lancashire.

Mr J.C. Keeling and Miss T.E. Beerbohm
The engagement is announced between John Charles, son of Mr and Mrs John Keeling, of Hurst House, Sedlescombe, Sussex, and Tania Elizabeth, daughter of Mr Anthony Beerbohm, of Fulham, London, and Mrs David Eastall, of 42 Cecily Hill, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

Mr J.N. Knight and Dr C.A. Orme-Smith
The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place on February 27, 1988, between John Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs James Knight, of Tadworth, Surrey, and Charlotte Ann, second daughter of Mr David and Dr Ann Orme-Smith, also of Tadworth.

Mr A.M. Perkin and Miss J.P. Naylor
The engagement is announced between Andrew Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs A.S. Perkin, of Bramhope, West Yorkshire, and Judith, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L.J. Naylor, of Lancashire.

Mr M. Seiter and Miss C.B. Johnson
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Horst Seiter, of Nuremberg, West Germany, and Caroline, daughter of Dr and Mrs Christopher Johnson, of Gough Way, Cambridge.

Mr P.C. Webber and Miss M.C. Vogt
The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs L.C. Webber, of Bradninch, Devon, and Claire, younger daughter of Dr J.B.M. and Dr J.A. Vogt, of Goirle, The Netherlands.

Service reception

Clover Club
The Clover Club (8th Indian Division) held their annual reunion reception at HM Tower of London last night. Brigadier John Woodroffe presided. Colonel T.A. Buchanan, president, attended.

University news

Loughborough
Professor D.E.N. Davies, FRS, FEng, Pender professor of electronics and electrical engineering and a vice-provost at University College London, has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of Loughborough University from April 1,1988.

He succeeds Professor John Phillips, who died earlier this year.

Luncheons

Glass Manufacturers Federation
Mr F.J. Davies, President of the Glass Manufacturers Federation, was host at the annual luncheon held yesterday at the Hilton hotel, Park Lane. Viscount Tonypandy, Viscount Caldecote and Mr John Butcher, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Industry, were the principal guests.

German Chamber of Industry and Commerce
The Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany presided at a luncheon given by the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce in the United Kingdom yesterday at the Park Lane Hotel. Mr Michael Heseltine, MP, was the guest speaker and the Lord Mayor of Westminster was among those present.

Dinners

Wiener Library Endowment Appeal
The Duke of Edinburgh was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Wiener Library Endowment Appeal at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, last night. Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, president, was in the chair and Mr Lewis Golden, treasurer, also spoke. Among those present were:

The Ambassador for the Federal Republic of Germany, Lady Callaghan, Lord and Lady Egremont, Lord Elwyn-Jones, CH, and Lady Elwyn-Jones, Lord Goodman, CH, Lord Joseph, CH, Lord and Lady Schon, the Hon Simon and Mrs Marks, Sir Leonard and Lady Hoffmann, the Chief Rabbi and Lady Jakobovits, Sir Claus and Lady Moser, Sir Leslie and Lady Porter, Mr C A and Dame Simone Prendergast, Mrs Golden, Professor and Mrs Peter Pulzer, Professor and Mrs Erich Segal, Mr and Mrs F W Lessing, Mr and Mrs A Montefiore and Mrs Leonard Montefiore.

Inner Temple
Judge Hawser, QC, Treasurer of the Inner Temple, and Masters of the Bench entertained at dinner in hall last night, it being the Grand Day of Michaelmas Term. Among those present were:

The Earl of Gowrie, the Bishop of Durham, Lord Templeman (treasurer, Middle Temple), Mr Michael Heseltine, MP, Mr Justice Jones (treasurer, Gray's Inn), Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse, Sir Georg Solti, Sir William Rees-Mogg, Sir Brian Rix, Professor Sir Rosser Elliott, Canon Joseph Robinson (Master of the Temple), Miss Daphne Park, Miss Dorothy Tutin, Mr Anthony Dowell, Miss Margaret Drabble, Mr Frank Muir, Mr Denis Norden, Dr John Hayes, Miss Maude Storey, Dr J L T Birley, Professor Alan Bowness, Mr Derek Bradbeer, Professor Michael Dummett, Mr Michael Holroyd, Mr Jeremy Isaacs, Professor M H Lessof, Mr Neil MacGregor, Mr and Mrs Peter Miller, Rabbi Julia Neuberger, Mr Michael Noakes, Professor E Rhys Davies, Miss Prunella Scales, Mr I P Todd and Professor E Dilwyn Williams.

Montgomery Centenary Dinner
A dinner to celebrate the centenary of Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein's birth was given by surviving members of his headquarters staff at Apsley House on Tuesday. Major J.R. Henderson presided. Among those present were:

Viscount Montgomery of Alamein (son), the Hon Henry Montgomery (grandson), Colonel R O H Carver (stepson), Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Montgomery (brother); Field Marshal Lord Harding of Petherton, Lord Hunter of Newington, Sir Hereward Wake, General Sir Victor FitzGeorge-Balfour, General Sir Charles Richardson, Air Chief Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst, Major-General Sir Brian Wyldbore-Smith, Brigadier Sir Edgar Williams, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Denis Hamilton, Sir Carol Mather, Sir William Mather, Sir Richard O'Brien, Major-General G P H Roberts, Brigadier A Breitmeyer, Brigadier R Harvey, Brigadier H R Vernon, Colonel P Earle, Lieutenant-Colonel C P Downay, Lieutenant-Colonel T S Bieland, Lieutenant-Colonel T Warren, Major P Odgers, Major T S Coverdale, Major D W Huycck, Major T E B Howarth, Mr C Butterworth and Mr N Hamilton.

National Liberal Club
Lord Banks, President of the National Liberal Club, presided at the annual dinner held at the club last night. Lord Bonham-Carter, Lord Ezra, Baroness Robson of Kiddington, Mr Cyril Smith, MP, and Mr Adrian Slade, President of the Liberal Party, also spoke.

Pilgrims
Lord Carrington, CH, President of The Pilgrims, presided at a dinner held last night at Claridge's hotel in honour of General John R. Galvin, Supreme Allied Commander Europe. Among those present were:

The American Ambassador and Mrs Price, Lady Carrington, Lord and Lady Caccia, Lord and Lady McFadzean, Lord Shackleton, Lord and Lady Chalfont, Sir Hugh and Lady Wontner, Sir Archibald Forbes, Sir Hugh and Lady Cubitt, Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly, Sir Peter Marshall, Lieutenant-Colonel S W Chant-Sempill, Mr and Mrs Robert L Sigmon and Mr and Mrs Edward Streator.

Coachmakers' and Coach Harness Makers' Company
Mr David Shalit, Master of the Coachmakers' and Coach Harness Makers' Company, presided at a dinner held last night at Stationers' Hall. Mr Tom Mayer, Mr Denis Burrell and Mr Michael Limb also spoke.

University College London
Sir Peter Matthews, Chairman of the College Council, was host at a dinner held last night at University College London. Among those present were:

Sir James Lighthill (Provost), Professor D E N Davies, Professor D V I Fairweather and Professor J E C T White (Vice-Provosts); Lady Aird and Sir Anthony Laughton.

Machine Tool Trades Association
Mr S.G. Panke, President of the Machine Tool Trades Assocation, and officers of the association were hosts at the annual dinner held last night at Grosvenor House. Sir David Nickson, President of the CBI, was the guest of honour.

Manpower Society
Sir Denis Barnes, President of the Manpower Society, presided at the twentieth anniversary dinner held last night at the Institute of Directors.

British Paediatric Association
Professor John Forfar, President of the British Paediatric Association, presided at a dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Mr George Pinker also spoke.

Herbert Smith
To mark the eightieth birthday of Dr F.A. Mann, the partners of Herbert Smith gave a dinner at the Garrick Club on November 12. The senior partner, Mr John Goble was in the chair. The guests were:

Lord Wilberforce, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Templeman, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton, Lord Justice Kerr, Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Nicholls, Sir Robert Megarry, Mr Justice Hoffmann, Judge Paul Baker, QC, Lady Fox, Mr Robert Alexander, QC, Mr Mark Littman, QC, Mr Eli Lauterpacht, QC, Mr Sydney Kentridge, QC, Mr Karl Newman, Mr and Mrs Christopher Beauman and Mr R David Mann.

Marketing Group of Great Britain
Mrs Jean Denton, chairman presided at a dinner held last night at Le Meridien Hotel by the Marketing Group of Great Britain. The guest speaker was Mr Ralph Cooper, Senior Vice-President of Coca-Cola Northern Europe.

Old Bristolians
Mr Charles Martin was the guest of honour at the London dinner of the Old Bristolians held on Friday at St Ermin's Hotel. Mr John Cottle, President of the Old Bristolians Society, presided. Others present included:

Mr Thomas Beasley, Mr Michael Booker, Mr Edward Clements, Dr John Mackay, Sir Paul Osmond and Mr Peter Stirrett.

Science report

High blood pressure link to drink

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Middle-aged women who drink moderate or high amounts of alcohol each day are far more likely to develop high blood pressure than non-drinkers, according to research by doctors at Harvard Medical School, in the United States.

The same researchers, presenting the results of a four-year study, told the American Heart Association's 60th Scientific Sessions meeting that consumption of foods containing calcium, such as milk, or magnesium had a beneficial effect on blood pressure.

The study group for both reports was made up of 58,218 nurses aged 35 to 59 in 1980. At that time, none had high blood pressure, cancer, diagnosed coronary artery disease, diabetes or high cholesterol levels.

A co-author of the study, Dr Charles Hennekens, said the findings on alcohol showed that women who each day drank 30 to 34 grammes of alcohol, the equivalent of three or four beers or glasses of wine, were 40 per cent more likely to develop high blood pressure than non-drinkers.

Those who drank in the highest range every day, with a daily intake of 35 grammes or more, were 90 per cent more likely to develop high blood pressure.

In the diet study, the investigators found that women who ingested at least 800 milligrammes per day of calcium, the amount found in three glasses of milk, decreased their risk of high blood pressure by 22 per cent, compared with women who consumed less than half that amount.

OBITUARY

M JACQUES ANQUETIL

Master Tour de France cyclist

M Jacques Anquetil, the French cyclist, who died on November 17, at the age of 53, dominated the sport in the 1950s and 1960s, and is in the select company of those who have won the Tour de France five times.

"Maître Jacques", as he was ruefully known by those who knew what it was to yield to his relentlessly competitive spirit, compiled an awesome list of race victories over the years. Yet his achievement was not of a kind really to fire the hearts of Frenchmen.

The theme of his career was his perpetual duel with Raymond Poulidor, who, like him, came from that agricultural background, which, in France, has produced so many fine cyclists. But, though Anquetil always emerged the victor, it was Poulidor ("Poupou") who was the darling of the crowds which lined the roads to watch the Tour de France go by. Anquetil's was not a character to bring an affectionate nickname to his supporters' lips.

To the "conquer-or-die" heroics of Poulidor he opposed a shrewd grasp of the time-and-motion problems of racing. It was said of him that he stalked success, rather than seizing it in that spirit of grand gesture which is dear to the Gallic soul. Even his last Tour de France victory, snatched from Poulidor almost on the finishing line when the race seemed to be beyond his grasp, was described afterwards as a triumph of cold calculation.

Such an analysis did scant justice to Anquetil on that occasion. Having lost four minutes in the agonizing climb to the Envalira summit in the Pyrenees, he pulled back much of this with a reckless, headlong charge down the mountain in thick fog, on the following day.

But this was out of character. Essentially he remained a man for the time-trials which punctuate a major event. It was the battle against the clock, not combat in a massed field, that he relished.

Jacques Anquetil was born on January 8, 1934, the son of a strawberry grower in Normandy. Early he developed that farm boy's stamina which takes to the back-breaking drudgery that is so large a part of competitive cycling. Encouraged by a local cycle-shop owner, he was soon winning races. He became French amateur road racing champion, and at eighteen won a bronze medal in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics.

In the following year the cycling world became aware of the powers of the blond, personable Norman in its ranks, when he beat the best professionals to win the Prix de Nations by a remarkable six minutes. A time trial, this remained one of his favourite events, and he won it nine times in all. To this he added five victories in the Paris-Nice.

In 1956 he broke Fausto Coppi's 14-years-old one-hour record, covering a distance of 46.159 kilometres.

In 1957 he won his first Tour de France, and in 1960 became the first Frenchman to win the Tour of Italy. He then proceeded to reel off a remarkable sequence of four Tour de France victories from 1961 to 1964. Victory in the 1963 Tour of Spain made him the first man to win the three major national tour races, and in 1964 he won another Tour of Italy. In 1966 he was made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

Though he never won the world professional title, in 1967, now 33, he had another tilt at the one-hour record which was, by then, in the possession of his compatriot, Roger Rivière. He surpassed the world mark for the event, cycling 47.493 km, but the International Cycling Union refused to ratify the performance because Anquetil refused to take a drug test afterwards.

Later he admitted, in an article for *France-Dimanche*, that he and other cyclists took stimulants.

He retired from racing in 1969. By now a rich man, he devoted himself to his other interests — cattle-ranching, gravel pits and property, as well as the natural extensions of his sport, such as race organization, television commentary, equipment manufacture, and newpaper journalism.

Earlier this year he underwent an operation for cancer.

He leaves a widow, Janine.

LORD STAMP

Lord Stamp, bacteriologist and life-long Liberal, died on November 16. He was 80.

He was professor of bacteriology at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, from 1948 to 1970. In his researches he preferred to work alone, save for the assistance of a technician, and it is arguable that it was for this reason that he failed to make any major discoveries. His significant contribution was in developing vaccines for streptococci and staphylococci.

Trevor Charles Stamp was born on February 13, 1907. He was educated at The Leys School, Cambridge (of which he was later a governor); and at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. He trained at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, before moving, in 1932, to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

On the outbreak of war he became a regional director of the Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service, moving hospitals out of London while keeping them running smoothly.

He was later engaged in bacteriological warfare on attachment to the Ministry of Supply, continuing for a time after the war, liaising with the Americans, who awarded him their Medal of Freedom.

At Hammersmith, apart from his own research and hospital work, Stamp taught pathology, attracting students from all over the world.

The latter part of his time there was taken up with raising money for the hospital; two modern buildings were erected, and he gave his name to a lecture theatre.

After his retirement he devoted himself more to politics and the Lords. (He had succeeded his father as third baron in 1941.) He was a convinced Liberal all his life.

On the surface, Stamp appeared to some as a distinguished and domineering character; to others, however, he seemed extremely shy and retiring.

He married, in 1932, Frances Dawes, an American. She survives him with their two sons, the elder of whom succeeds him.

MR MOZAFFAR BAGHAII

Mr Mozaffar Baghaii, the Iranian socialist statesman, died on November 16, in gaol in Tehran. He played a prominent part in the nationalization of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company in 1951, but changed sides soon afterwards to back the military coup of 1953 that returned Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi to power. He was fiercely anti-communist.

Baghaii was born in 1910 in the southern city of Kerman, the son of a major leader of the constitutional movement of 1905, Mirza Shahabeddin Kermani, and became one of the first Iranian students to study abroad on a state scholarship. He studied philosophy and education in France, and, on his return to Tehran, taught ethics at the university.

He subsequently represented Kerman in a number of parliaments, but did not achieve ministerial office, probably because of his tendency to quarrel with his allies.

After joining the Democratic Party of Prime Minister Ghavam ol-Saltaneh, he left to found his own Iranian Toilers' Party which courted leftists disillusioned with the Tudeh (communist) Party.

He helped the nationalist leader Dr Mohammad Mossadeq to pass through the sixteenth Majlis (parliament) the bill that nationalized the assets of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, later to be known as British Petroleum; but when Mossadeq became Prime Minister, Baghaii aligned himself with the imperial court and the Ayatollah Kashani to undermine the position of the government.

He was accused of participating in a plot that resulted in the murder of General Mahmoud Afshartous, Mossadeq's chief of police, but the charges were dropped after the military coup of 1953 that installed the Shah in power.

Baghaii defended his turnabout by saying that Mossadeq was bound to be overthrown by the communists soon, which would put the country under Soviet domination. His critics believed that he was motivated by a desire for high office, which Mossadeq had not gratified.

He did not fare better under the new régime, which imprisoned him for a short while in 1961 on the charge of "undermining the loyalty of security forces".

After the Islamic Revolution of 1979, Baghaii found many of his former proteges in positions of influence, and he cooperated with the new authorities despite his progressive views about the separation of religion and government; but, as usual, he became involved in factions and was arrested last year.

He never married.

BRIG JOHN EDNEY

Brigadier John Edney, CBE, soldier, lawyer, and water diviner, died on October 28.

He was born in 1901. After education at Christ's Hospital, he was commissioned in the Royal Engineers and served in India and New Zealand before joining the British Expeditionary Force in France at the outbreak of the Second World War.

In 1945 he helped to set up the Allied Commission in Vienna, and in 1950 became deputy high commissioner.

Edney had already been called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1932, and when he left the Army he turned to the law full time. He served on the Parliamentary Bar before joining a legal firm where his work took him all over the world.

After the law, he retired to Italy, at Alassio, where, to his shock, he found the English Protestant cemetery an overgrown mess. His swiftly rallied his compatriots in the region and together they set about its restoration.

During his earlier years in India, Edney's gift of water divining (which art he later taught to young officers at Chatham) came into its own and he was of great service to the government there. He himself was a founding member of the British Society of Dowsers.

He leaves a widow and a daughter.

MR A. L. MICHAEL

Mr A. L. (Mick) Michael, philatelist, died on November 7, in Monaco. He was 75.

He was born on January 31, 1912, and went to Bristol and Reigate Grammar Schools. In the 1930s he joined with a partner in starting a factory making Bren gun parts. This worked 24 hours a day throughout the war.

Afterwards, Michael joined the firm of H. E. Wingfield & Co, and worked under its founder, whom he eventually succeeded as proprietor. Under Michael the firm became leaders in the rare stamps trade and he was recognised as one of the experts on war stamps and Hungarian classics.

In 1962 he merged his firm with Stanley Gibbons and became Chairman and an important shareholder. Michael took Stanley Gibbons public in 1968 and developed its stamp business

He was shrewd and practical, and his sparkling personality made his customers into friends. In 1970 Michael undertook the task of running Philympia, the London International Stamp Exhibition.

He was granted the ultimate honour for a collector when he was made a Fellow of The Royal Philatelic Society, but the news, sadly, arrived after his death.

His wife, Enid, whom he married in 1937, survives him with a son and a daughter.

AIR CDRE J. D. MELVIN

Air Commodore J. D. Melvin, CB, OBE, Director of Organization, Air Ministry, from 1957 to 1971, died on November 7. He was 73.

Aberdeenshire born, he began his RAF career as an aircraft apprentice, but then won a scholarship to Cranwell, where he learnt to fly.

After service with a torpedo bomber squadron in Singapore, he specialized in signals, and throughout the war held senior signals posts in the Sudan, Palestine, Ceylon, and Burma.

He was commander of the RAF station at Ratmalana in Ceylon during the fierce Japanese air attacks of April, 1942.

He was Deputy Director Organization Air Ministry, and then Group Captain Middle East Air Force, before returning to the Air Ministry.

Mr Gillis Purcell, OC, general manager of the Canadian Press news agency from 1945 to 1969, died on November 16. He was 82.

Under his direction, the agency grew from modest beginnings into a multi-million pound news service offering reports in English and French.

Purcell, who lost a leg during wartime manoeuvres with the 1st Canadian Corps in England, was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1969.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

You govern many lands and are proud that so many people are under your rule, but this authority has been given to you by the Lord Most High. *He will examine what you have done and what you plan to do*
Wisdom 6:2,3

BIRTHS

ARKELL - On November 17th 1987, to Miranda and Nick, a son, Joshua James.

CRAVEN - On November 18th, to Bella (née Matheson of Matheson) and William, a daughter.

DAVIDSON - On November 16th, to Georgiana (Balfour) and Jeremy, a son, Rory William.

DAVIS - On November 17th, at The Portland Hospital, London, to Lorraine (née Ferriday) and Greville, a son, Tobias Charles Blakeman, a brother for Georgina.

FARQUHAR - On November 17 1987 to Carolyn and Peter a daughter Alice Rose Jane.

FOLEY - On November 15th, at Canterbury Hospital, to Fumie and David, a daughter.

GOULTY - On November 13th, to Susan (née Whitehead) and Ian, a daughter, Michelle Clare.

HENDERSON - On November 12th, to Caroline (née Brinker) and Richard, a daughter, Holly Scarlet.

MacBRIDE - On Saturday October 31st, 1987, at Awali Hospital, Bahrain, to Gail (née Barrie) and Alan, a daughter, Chloe.

MANN - On November 14th, in New York, to Lucy (née Mitchell-Innes) and David, a daughter Josephine Clare.

NEWMAN - On November 12th, to Tessa (née Webster) and Brian, a son, Timothy, a brother for Alastair and Edward.

SAUNDERS - On November 16th, to Clare and Jamie of St. Andrews, a son.

SOUTHWELL - On November 9th, at Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Welwyn Garden City, to Denise (née Patten) and Kevin, a son, Thomas George Anthony.

DEATHS

ARKWRIGHT - On November 16th, Colonel Peter Arkwright, late of the 11th Hussars (P.A.O.), beloved husband of Marguerite and father of Charles, Martin and Mary Rose. Funeral private. Memorial Service at 3.00 pm on Tuesday November 24th at St James' Church, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire.

BAILEY - On November 16th, peacefully aged 93, Ann of Queensdale Road, Holland Park. Much loved by all her many friends. Private cremation on Wednesday November 25th. Service of Thanksgiving at St James Norlands, St James's Gardens, W11 at 3pm on Thursday November 26th. No flowers by request.

BARTON - On November 14th, peacefully at a Selsey nursing home, Joyce, dearly loved wife of the late Sir Harold Barton F.C.A. and mother of John and Jennifer. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium, London, at 10.30 am on Monday November 23rd. Family flowers only, otherwise donations please to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, 41 Eagle Street, London WC1.

BUTTERFIELD - On November 7th, suddenly, Harry Chester (Chet) of Halcyon, Pembroke, Bermuda, beloved husband of laura, Katherine and Margaret. The funeral took place in Bermuda on 10th November.

COMPTON - On November 14th, 1987, suddenly at Seagulls, Bembridge, Isle of White, Richard Spencer, dear brother of Elizabeth. Cremation private.

de la HAMOTHERE - On November 17th, peacefully at Tiverton Hospital, Stuart Renwick Robert, aged 75, dearly loved by his wife Mary, his daughters Anne and Christine, grand-children, Holly and Joe, and his many friends in Fleet Street. Funeral at Witheleigh Church, near Tiverton, on Friday 20th November at 2.30pm. Family flowers or if desired donations to the Friends of Tiverton Hospital.

EWING - On November 16th 1987, Col. James Henry Ewing C.B.E., O.B.E. (Military). Dearly loved husband of Marjorie and father of John Graham. Funeral service on Thursday November 26th at St. Mary's Church, North Mymms, Herts at 10 am, followed by private interment. Please, no letters and family flowers only, but donations may be sent to Guildford Cathedral, c/o C.A. Nethercott & Son Ltd, 150 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Herts, EN6 1AF.

FOX - On November 12th 1987, in hospital, after a long illness, Janet Mary Kennedy Fox (née Bassett) beloved wife of the late Waldo Trench Fox of Penjerrick, Falmouth. Loving mother of Jill, Robin and Rachel and her eight grandchildren. Service on Friday November 20th at 11.00 am at Budock Parish Church followed by private Cremation. No flowers but donations to:- St John's Ambulance Brigade C/o 1 Trewen Terrace, Budock Water, Falmouth, would be appreciated.

GREEN - On November 17th, peacefully, after a long illness, courageously fought, Richard, Lieutenant Commander, Royal Navy, (retd), aged 64. Much loved husband of Claire, loving father and grandfather. Requiem Mass at Westminster Cathedral, Monday 23rd November at 10.30 am. Followed by interment at Richmond Cemetery, Grove Road, Richmond.

HARRISON - On November 15th, at home, Kent Harrison, F.R.C.S., loved father of Malcolm, Cecil, Kent, Louise, Lucy, John and Stephen. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St. Thomas Church, Lymington on Monday November 23rd at 2.30pm. No flowers please, donations to R.N.L.I. or British Heart Foundation may be sent to: Diamond & Son Funeral Directors, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington. Tel: 0590 72060.

HESKETH - On November 14th, suddenly but peacefully at Meols, Colonel Roger Hesketh. Funeral, Friday November 20th at 12 noon at St Cuthbert's, Churchtown, Southport. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to League of Well-doers, Limekiln Lane, Liverpool.

JUDD - On November 13th, peacefully, at a Bournemouth nursing home, Charles Ernest, aged 90. Dearly loved husband of Effie, father of Peter and Gillian. Donations to Cancer Relief if desired.

KENDALL - On November 17th 1987, at home, Welbury, architect. Husband of Peter, father of Susanna, Philippa and John. Funeral service at All Saints, Martock, 1.45pm, Tuesday November 24th, followed by cremation.

MANN - On November 16th 1987, in Cheltenham, Ulick Deane Mann aged 69 years, of 41 Edward Wilson House, Cheltenham. Son of the late Deane Mann of Esher and of the late Kitt Mann of Esher and Prestbury. Cremation private, no flowers please. Donations to Sue Ryder Home, Leckhampton Court, Cheltenham GL51 5XX.

MARR-JOHNSON - On 16th November 1987, in hospital peacefully after a short illness, Ruth Elizabeth MBE, of Reigate, aged 81, eldest daughter of the late Bernard, and Lilian Marr-Johnson, and grand-daughter of the late William Dawes Freshfield, of The Wilderness, Reigate. Funeral at Saint Mary The Virgin, Buckland, Betchworth, Surrey on Friday 20th November 1987 at 3.45pm.

MILLER - On November 17th 1987, peacefully at Dunaros Hospital, Isle of Mull, Lieutenant Colonel A.G. Miller D.S.O., D.L. Funeral Service at Craignure Church at 2.15pm on Saturday November 21st, thereafter to Balure Cemetery.

MOLE - On November 16th 1987, Margaret Hannah, of Ashford Hill, Newbury, Berks. Much loved aunt of Richard, Jocelyn and Andrew. Funeral service at St. Paul's Church, Ashford Hill, on Monday November 23rd at 10.30 am, followed by private cremation. Flowers may be sent to Camp Hopson Funeral Directors, Newbury.

PARKER L.I. - see Talbot

PENTON - On November 18th in Hospital at Bodmin after a long illness, James Christopher Penton B.M. B.Ch Oxon, aged 77 years, husband of the late Nancy, a dear brother and uncle. Respected and much loved by his colleagues and patients also by friends in the Morris of which he was a member for many years. Funeral Service at St Lawrence's Hospital Church, Bodmin on Tuesday November 24th at 10.45am followed by private Cremation. No flowers but donations if wished to M.I.N.D. National, 22 Harley St. London W1N 2ED.

PHILLIPS - On November 16th 1987, suddenly at home in Wyton, Cambs, Peter Hersey, aged 49 years. Beloved husband of Jane and much loved father of Jeremy and Oliver. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Houghton on Monday November 23rd at 3 pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to British Polio Fellowship, c/o Dennis Easton, Broad Leas, St. Ives, Cambridgeshire.

PRINCE - On November 10th, suddenly in Rome, John Michael, aged 39. Beloved husband of Janet and father of Edward and Caroline. The funeral service will be on Monday November 23rd 11am at Christchurch United Reform Church, Petts Wood, Kent, followed by private cremation service. Flowers or donations for The British Field Sports Society to Francis Chappell & Sons, c/o Boundary Place, Orpington, Kent. Tel: 0689 75236 ext 207.

RANDALL-WOOD - On November 17th 1987, peacefully at The Royal Masonic Hospital after a short illness, Douglas William, aged 81 years. Dearly loved husband of Melanie Carolyn, beloved son of Bill and much loved brother of Daphne and Barbara. Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip. Flowers or donations in lieu to Cancer Research and all enquiries to W.S. Bond Ltd, 19 Bond Street, Ealing W5. Tel: 01 567 0422.

SEELY - On November 18th 1987, peacefully in her 83rd year, Mary Frances Margaret, beloved wife of the late Sir Victor Seely Bt., mother of Victoria, Alexandra and Victor, much loved grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at The Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, W1 on Tuesday November 24th 1987 at 2.30 pm. Burial private at Gatcombe, Isle of Wight. Flowers to Kenyons, 83 Westbourne Grove, W2.

SENIOR - On November 17th, peacefully at home, James Holden of Manor House, Glaston, Uppingham, Rutland, dearly loved husband of Bridget. Private cremation. Funeral service, Glaston Church on Wednesday November 25th at 3 pm. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, to Glaston Church c/o The Rev. P. Lingard, Glaston Rectory.

SEYMOUR - On November 16th 1987, peacefully at home, John Henry. Funeral service, All Souls Church, Langham Place, Monday November 23rd, 1.45 pm. Flowers and enquiries please to W. Garstin & Sons, 10 Chiltern Street, London, W1. 01 935 4868.

SOUTHAM - On November 16th 1987, Cuthbert Walter St John, peacefully following a period of illness, of Pont Pistyll, Llanrhaeadr Y.M., nr Oswestry, Shropshire aged 82 years. Funeral service at Llangedwyn Church, on Monday, November 23rd at 1 pm followed by cremation. Flowers or as desired, donations to Canine Defence League. Enquiries to David Davies & Sons tel: Oswestry 653116.

STAMP - On November 16th, peacefully after a long illness, Trevor Charles, 3rd Baron Stamp of Shortlands, beloved husband of Frances and loving father to Trevor and Richard. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be announced later.

STURGEON - On November 16th, peacefully at home, George Stanley aged 82, former Mayor of Tunbridge Wells. Beloved husband of Margaret Ellen. Sadly missed by all his family. Funeral Service at St Peter's Upper Church, Pembury, on Tuesday 24th November at 2.30pm followed by interment. Family flowers only but donations to Cancer Research c/o E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Gro've Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

TALBOT - On November 16th, in her 91st year, Lilian Ida (née Parker), late of St. Leonards-on-Sea and St. Margarets Bay. Devoted sister of Alice and much loved aunt of John. For some 60 years and until her death a noted publisher of international trade journals and directories. Funeral at Eastbourne Crematorium, Wednesday November 25th at 3.00pm. Flowers to Mummery, Bexhill, East Sussex. Enquiries to Mummery Tel: (0424) 730418 or (0424) 210013

THOMSON - On November 17th, Philip Horsburgh O.B.E. At home, at Virginia Water, aged 81 years. Dearly loved, and loving husband of Marjorie and father of Georgina, Paula and Philippa. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research. Cremation at Woking Crematorium at 3 pm on Monday November 23rd.

TURNBULL - On November 18th, peacefully at home, Audrey, dearly loved sister of the late James Croft and step-mother of Tommy. Funeral, Woking Crematorium, 11 am, Tuesday November 24th.

VASSILIADIS - On November 16th, peacefully at home after a long illness, Aspasia, dearly loved wife of Diodoros and mother of Dionyssis. Funeral Service at the Greek Cathedral Aghia Sofia, Moscow Road, W2 on Friday November 20th at 11.30am.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CHANDRIS - On the 3rd Anniversary of the passing of the late Anthony J. Chandris, there will be a Memorial Service at the Greek Cathedral of St Sophia, Moscow Road, on Sunday 22nd November at 12.30.

FRY - Edwin Maxwell, C.B.E., R.A., F.R.I.B.A. A Service celebrating his life will be held at St James's Church, Piccadilly, November 24th, 3pm.

KARCOVSKI-BAGEN - Christopher. A Memorial Service will be held at Farm Street Church Chapel, 114 Mount Street, W1 on Friday, November 20th at 4.30pm.

LINSTEAD - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Lady Marjorie Linstead will be held at Blackley Parish Church at 2 pm on Saturday, December 5th.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

CARE-BROWNE-CARE Thomas Reginald C.B.E., with thanksgiving and in proud memory of my husband Thomas. Deep, abiding love. 1931 - 1969.

DAY - Gerald A. A Memorial Service will be held at St Thomas's Old Cathedral, High Street, Old Portsmouth on Wednesday November 25th 1987 and 12.45pm.

Birthdays today

Mr Frank Bruno, boxer, 26; Mr Arthur Coleridge, publisher, 72; Miss Kathleen Halpin, former chief administrator, Regions, WRVS, 84; Baroness Jeger, 72; Professor Anthony King, professor of government, 53; Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, 67; Mr Gerald Parsons-Smith, neurologist, 76; Sir Clement Pleass, former colonial administrator, 86; Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Porter, 75; Sir Bernard Scott, former chairman, Lucas Industries, 73; the Ven Michael Till, Archdeacon of Canterbury, 52; Professor Margaret Turner-Warwick, dean, Cardiothoracic Institute, Brompton Hospital, 63.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles I, reigned 1625-49, Dunfermline, 1600; Bertel Thorwaldsen, sculptor, Copenhagen, 1770; James Garfield, 20th president of the USA 1881, Orange, Ohio, 1831.

DEATHS: Nicholas Poussin, painter, Rome, 1665; Thomas Shadwell, dramatist, London, 1692; Franz Schubert, Vienna, 1828; Sir William Siemens, metallurgist, London, 1883.

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No. 008117 of 1987
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF F.H. TOMKINS PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, dated Monday 26th October 1987, confirming the cancellation of the share premium account of the above-named Company of [illegible] 1987 approved by the Court showing with several particulars required by the above named Act was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 4th November 1987.
Messrs. Gouldens
of 115 Chancery Lane,
London WC2A 1JJ
Solicitors for the above-named Company
Dated 16th November 1987

Number of Company: 900821
COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES
EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION
(Pursuant to Section 84, Insolvency Act 1986 and Section 380, Companies Act 1985)
PHILIP BERG LIMITED
PASSED 29th October, 1987
At an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company, duly convened, and held at ADAM HOUSE, 14 NEW BURLINGTON STREET, LONDON W1X 2BU, on the 29th day of October, 1987 the subjoined EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION was duly passed, viz:-
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"That it has been proved to the satisfaction of this meeting that the Company cannot by reason of its liabilities continue its business, and that it is advisable to wind up the same, and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily, and that RICHARD JEREMY HYAMS, FCA ADAM HOUSE, of 14 NEW BURLINGTON STREET, LONDON W1X 2BU AND BRIAN MILLS, of 1, WARDROBE PLACE, CARTER LANE, ST. PAULS, LONDON EC4V 5AJ, be and are hereby appointed liquidator for the purposes of such winding-up".
Notice of appointment of liquidator
(Members/Creditors)
voluntary winding up
Pursuant to section 600 of the Companies Act 1985
Company Number: 900821. Name of Company: PHILIP BERG LIMITED. Nature of Business: GENERAL WHOLESALERS. Type of Liquidation: (Creditors). Address of registered office: LAURENCE GERRARD & CO, ADAM HOUSE, 14 NEW BURLINGTON STREET, LONDON, W1X 2BU. Liquidator(s) name(s) and address(es): R.J. HYAMS, LAURENCE GERRARD & CO, ADAM HOUSE, 14 NEW BURLINGTON STREET, LONDON W1X 2BU AND B. MILLS, MESSRS. BOOTH, WHITE & CO., 1, WARDROBE PLACE, CARTER LANE, ST. PAULS, LONDON, EC4V 5AJ. Office holder number: 005733. Date of appointment: 29th October, 1987. By whom appointed: Creditors.
R.J. HYAMS
B MILLS
LIQUIDATORS
DATE: 7/11/87

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Dated the 17th day of November 1987

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF PHILIP BERG LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily Wound-Up, are required, on or before the 31st day of December 1987, to send in their full Christian and Surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to the undersigned, B. Mills Esq., of Messrs. Booth, White & Co., 1, Wardrobe Place, Carter Lane, St. Pauls, London, EC4V 5AJ, the Joint Liquidators of the said Company and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidators, are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or, in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
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B. MILLS
LIQUIDATOR
DATED this 7th day of November 1987
R.J. HYAMS
LIQUIDATOR

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO. 008899 of 1987
CHANCERY DIVISION
MR REGISTRAR BRADBURN
IN THE MATTER of THE WCRS GROUP PLC
-and-
IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition was on the 12th October 1987 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company by £28,900,000.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before The Honourable Mr Justice Peter Gibson at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2, on Monday the 30th November 1987.
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IN PARLIAMENT
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(ADDITIONAL PROVISION)
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(a) Work No. 1A (386 metres in length and in substitution for Work No.1 of the Bill deposited in November 1986), Work No. 2A (345 metres in length and in substitution for part of Work No.2 of the Bill) and Work No. 3A (356 metres in length), being railways in Tower Hamlets providing for an alteration of the junction of the proposed railway extension to Beckton with the existing Docklands Railway at Poplar; and
(b) Work No.3B (1225 metres in length and in substitution for part of Work No.3 of the Bill), being a railway in Newham providing for a realignment of Work No.3 in the vicinity of Connaught Road;
including provision for the bridging, by Work No.1A, of Garford Street and West India Dock Road, Tower Hamlets, and for an alteration in the permitted limits of vertical deviation (upwards and downwards) in constructing Work No.3 in the vicinity of Winsor Terrace, Newham.
2. Special provision in connection with the construction, use and maintenance of the proposed works and as to the use of electrical power on the proposed railways.
3. Acquisition of lands, or new rights over, and power to use lands, in the areas of [illegible]. Extinction of rights of way over the lands to be acquired or used and special provisions as to entry and compensation.
4. Power for the Corporation to open up the surface of parts of Garford Street and West India Dock Road and to divert a depot access road near Poplar Station.
And Notice is further given that plans and sections of the works described above, including plans of the lands proposed to be acquired or used compulsorily, together with a book of reference to such plans, have been deposited for public inspection with the Chief Executive of the London Borough of Newham at his office at the Town Hall, Barking Road, London E6 2RP and with the Chief Executive of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets at his office at the Town Hall, Patriot Square, London E2 9LN.
A copy of the said Bill and of the said Additional Provision may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 80p for each copy of the Bill and 28p for each copy of the Additional Provision at the under-mentioned offices.
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William Jackson

Twentieth Century Warriors
By Field Marshal Lord Carver
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In the 21st century Lord Carver's *Twentieth Century Warriors* will probably be nestling alongside von Clausewitz's *Vom Krieg* on the book-shelves of most students of war. It is a unique book: what other field marshal has had the inclination, intellectual ability, and literary skill to carry through so wide and penetrating a study of war in the century during which he himself has played such a major part and held responsibility in so many important military posts? Not only has he the depth of operational experience, but his views are given greater validity by the wide spectrum of world class, political and military leaders whom he met and with whom he worked during his long career.

In his study, he examines the development of seven major military forces, which have waged the prolonged, bloody, and indecisive wars that have racked the world since 1900; and he looks at their campaigns from their national points of view. His selection covers the armed forces of France, Germany, Russia, the Soviet Union, the United States, China, Japan and, of course, Britain, but not of Israel or her Arab opponents. Each study is a *tour de force* on its own.

But it is his conclusions that will have most impact. In his view, it was neither the build-up of military forces nor the arms races that lay at the root of the 20th century's wars: national political ambitions and rivals' reactions to them had a much greater impact on the disastrous course of world events. The influence of the military varied from politically insignificant in the case of Britain and the United States, to dominant in China and Japan. In Germany, France, and Russia, the armed forces cannot, surprising though it may seem, be accused of favouring war. The two World Wars were fought to decide who should dominate Europe west of the Urals: the struggle is still going on. In the nuclear era, it is doubtful whether Clausewitz's dictum, that war is a continuation of politics by other means, is still valid: the two are more inextricably interlocked than ever.

In view of the Field Marshal's well known doubts about the usefulness of the British nuclear deterrent and his preference for a continental rather than a maritime strategy, he has been surprisingly impartial in assessing the controversial military issues of today. Many eyebrows, however, will be raised, particularly in air circles, by his views on the future of manned combat aircraft and on the continued need for independent air forces. He points out that air power has proved decisive only at sea: the German Army withstood the Allies' air offensive during the Second World War, while the Japanese Navy did not. Today combat aircraft are too vulnerable over land, but can extend the range of naval weapon platforms at sea. A return to a two service structure would certainly be more economical, and perhaps operationally more effective.

One thing the Field Marshal is certain about: his successors will have an even more daunting task than he had. History shows that fundamental military change seldom comes about except under the stress of war. Short of actual war experience, which is clearly to be avoided, those who are responsible for planning the military future have to achieve a judicious balance between forward thinking and down-to-earth realism. His book, he rightly claims, provides a useful guide to the latter.

Twentieth Century Warriors is hardly light reading, but it does repay close study. Clausewitz received little recognition in his life; Lord Carver's grand-children will probably benefit more from its royalties than he will.

Clausewitz and his modern successor, Carver — but is war still the continuation of politics by other means?

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A SONG OF LOVE AND DEATH
By Peter Conrad
Chatto & Windus, £25

"Opera", declares Peter Conrad at the outset of his cocky survey, "is a mystery." And so it remains 350 pages later. Like all the best mysteries, it invites trinitarian speculation: Conrad has a section on "Performance", which enables him to reuse old reviews and diary entries; and another on "Repertory", where he freely ignores what fails to tickle his fancy (Rameau, for instance). But first he deals with opera as "Rite", because of course "its practitioners remain devotees of the mysterious transformations probed by religion."

Conrad is in there with them, exultantly sacrificing sense, truth, and fact to produce his divinities of the Purple Passage, the Striking Aphorism, and the Cheeky Comparison. His overwriting is most wonderfully absurd in his chapter on Callas, who, in her 1958 Medea, "is a witch mimicking a priestess, and the cry *m'assista!* curls out of her chest like darting poison." Look out for the lady with curare streaming helically out of her abdomen.

When it is not just silly, the book is likely to be misleading or wrong. In saying that "Mussorgsky based *Boris Godunov* (1868-72) on a play by Pushkin which imitated Shakespeare's histories, and selected as the chronicler of Russia's futile ups and downs a Shakespearean fool — the simpleton" it is both.

Or take the aphorisms. "Religion in opera must be an orgy." That may be OK for *Moses und Aron*, but what about *Parsifal* or *Dialogues des Carmelites?* "Tempo is history, a speedometer under our control." Is this making anything more than the banal point that conductors set the pace? "Singing is kinetic energy." Yes.

These are the ravings of a mind sweeping from Monteverdi to Birtwhistle [sic], from Glyndebourne to the Met, from Kant to James M. Cain in a perpetual present of carnivalesque self-congratulation. Among so many words it is the smallest that is most surprising, an "I" which suddenly appears on page 257 as the embarrassing revelation that the all-seeing, all-hearing, all-connecting mentality is that of a person, a Wizard of Oz. There is, of course, no bibliography; the only relevant one would merely duplicate the list given elsewhere of Conrad's other writings.

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What is it that makes poets hum?

Eric Griffiths

T.S. ELIOT AS LITERARY CRITIC
By Harold F. Brooks
Cecil Woolf, £12.50

THE UNCOMMON TONGUE
The Poetry and Criticism of Geoffrey Hill
By Vincent Sherry
University of Michigan, £15

Once, in the middle of a dinner party, when the conversation veered towards matters of serious concern, T.S. Eliot avoided the discussion of Issues by remarking with that explosive weariness which was his particular trademark: "The only things I care about are dancing and brandy."

This is a good instance of the difficulty of talking seriously about poets, or even taking them seriously. Just as you're about to get them into a proper demeanour of solemn profundity, they turn on you with a witticism. And the more you try to explain their work as a critique of modern civilization, or a search for transcendent significance in an otherwise derelict universe, or what have you, the more likely they are actually to seem as if all they were doing was humming "tiddle om pom pom" under their breath with a faraway look in their eyes. The most odd and difficult aspect of poets is that it's the way they hum which is the deepest thing about them.

The dangers of falsely portentous intellectualism loom specially large when the poets happen to be, as T.S. Eliot and Geoffrey Hill particularly are, themselves intellectuals. Many poets have been interested in philosophy, for example, but the two greatest poets in English so far this century have in common a highly professional philosophical literacy. Eliot wrote a dissertation on F.H. Bradley, and Hill is well versed in Victorian treatises on ethics.

You wouldn't guess from Harold Brooks's book on Eliot as a critic that Eliot was trained as an academic philosopher; but then you wouldn't guess anything much about Eliot from Brooks's book. You wouldn't guess that Hill was interested in anything apart from philosophy from Vincent Sherry's book about Hill as a poet and critic because Sherry is relentlessly "idea"-ed and, by the same token, quite clueless about what makes Hill tick. Or hum, rather.

‘The only things I care about are dancing and brandy.’

Wyndham Lewis's portrait of Eliot refused by the RA

In their different ways, these two books illustrate exactly how not to write about poets, poetry, and poets' understanding of the practice of their own art. Brooks is amiable and shoddy as only an Emeritus Professor can be; he takes 100 pages not to mention the obvious fact about Eliot's criticism — that most of the famous essays began as book reviews — and he hasn't read (or is modestly concealing the fact that he has read) the 400 or so essays which Eliot published but which have yet to be collected in books. So, for example, he is severe about J.M. Robertson's influence on Eliot's celebrated essay on *Hamlet*, but it is not surprising that Robertson looms large in that essay because it was originally a review for the *Athenaeum* of a book by Robertson.

Sherry, on the other hand, has done his homework, but, unfortunately, with the result only that he makes Hill's poetry and criticism sound themselves like a *corvée*. In Sherry's book, this variously delightful poet — acerbic, hilarious, tender, fierce — appears as a single-minded terrorist, armed to the teeth with ambiguity and hell-bent on destroying the channels of decent, civic communication.

There is something to be said for such a view of Hill (he's not quite, as a writer, decorum incarnate) but Sherry's readings of some of the poems — the *Mercian Hymns* in particular — are no better than laughable. Except that the reader is so tired by the dinning repetition of "alienate", "hermetic", "vatic", and so forth, that he doesn't have the energy even to laugh; the best he can raise in face of this book is an exhausted smirk.

The fact is that poetry is an art of the opportune in language. Therefore, poets will have as their doom that they seem to be merely opportunists. When they try to write about what their own skill means, as Hill and Eliot do in their criticism, they are dealing with something volatile in essence, and what they say will, if they are good critics (Hill and Eliot are more than good), be itself volatile. Donald Davie described the business very well in his *Summer Lightning*.

The gift of poetry is like the fire
Seen of a summer's night: flames that transpire
Like a foreboding over a river . . .

These books lack lightning.

Ersatz drama of war

FICTION

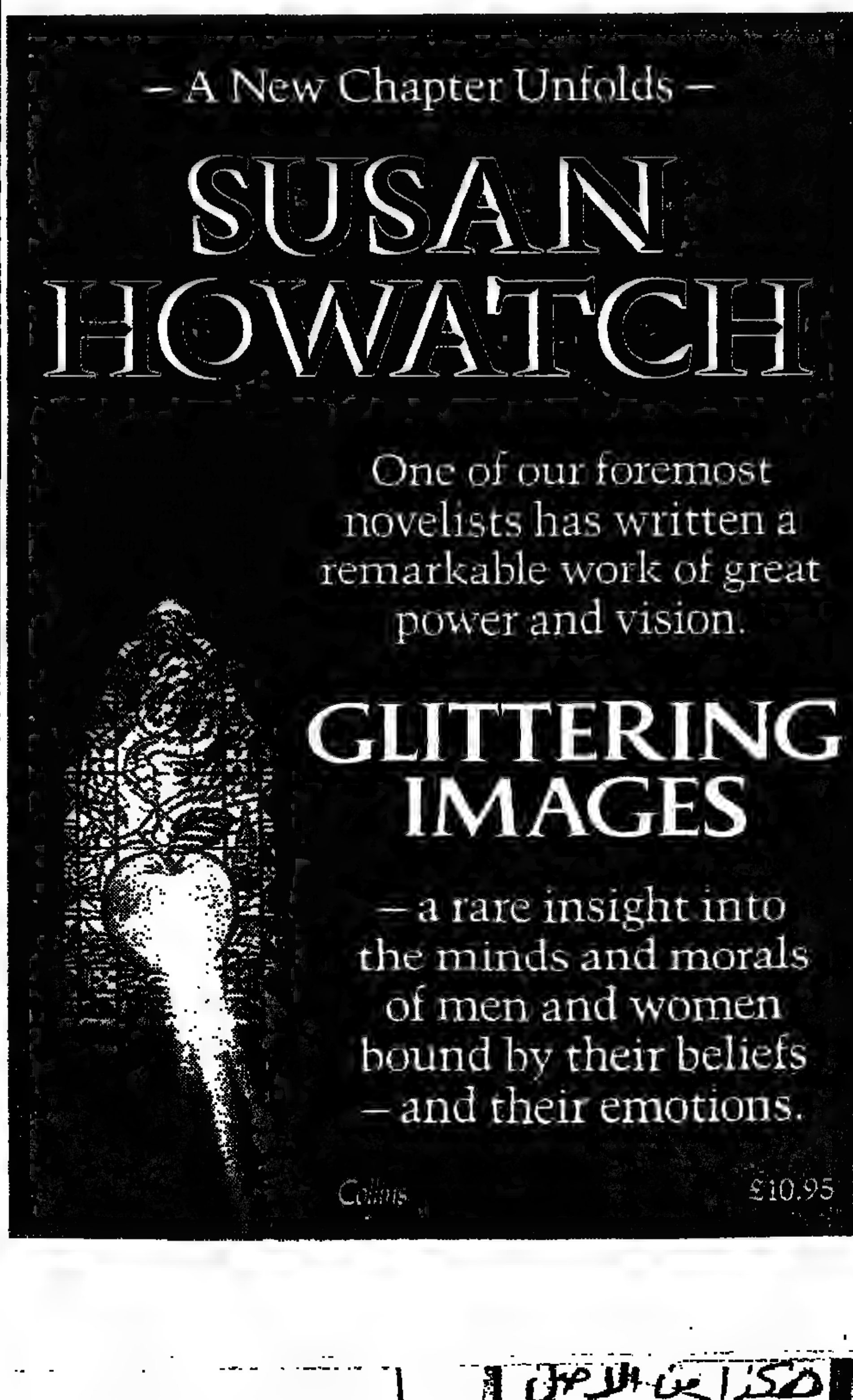
Chris Petit

WINTER
By Len Deighton
Hutchinson, £11.95

There is now a kind of fiction which reads less like a novel than the novelization of a television mini-series-to-be, and *Winter* is in this category: episodic, superficial, dynastic, socially and artistically connected ("I didn't know working with Brecht mattered so much to you"), and with an international cast.

At best Len Deighton is an effective popular historian, admired by A.J.P. Taylor, but *Winter* lacks the organization of the author's *Bomber*, which described a single air-raid. This sprawls instead over 45 years by using the device of two Berliner brothers caught up and divided by historical events. Although occasionally perceptive about individual confusion and stress, any real seriousness of purpose is suspended in favour of an undemanding narrative that makes cheap conflict out of turning one brother into a Nazi and having the other marry a Jewess; cheap because the hasty style treats everything, from rising hemlines to execution by firing squad, with the same sweep.

***Winter* is a testament to the powers of research and the word processor.**



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BOOKS

Wit and poet of lost time

Peter Ackroyd reviews a grand historical panorama of change and decay

EMPIRE
By Gore Vidal
André Deutsch, £11.95

ARMAGEDDON?
Essays, 1983-1987
By Gore Vidal
André Deutsch, £11.95

In his latest and most entertaining collection of essays Gore Vidal refers to himself as America's "current biographer" which is, in one sense, too modest a claim. For most of his life he has been engaged in the reinterpretation of his nation's history and, in the process, he has become not so much the chronicler as the poet of the world's latest and perhaps last empire. But he is not a Virgil, nor despite appearances a Juvenal; his is an Ovidian role, as in exile he describes fabulous creatures and magical transformations.

The theme of *Empire* is neatly outlined in *Armageddon?*, since on more than one occasion in his essays Vidal touches upon that transition in American history which the novel itself brings vividly to life — it is set at the turning point of the 19th and 20th centuries, when the old Republic exchanged its basic Puritan black for the imperial purple. The narrative opens after the successful conclusion of the Spanish-American War, documents the annexation of the Philippines, and ends with Theodore Roosevelt's inauguration as President. A man who can climb a hill in Cuba, and call it victory, is no doubt capable of anything; but it is hardly to be expected that, from this modest summit, Roosevelt could have glimpsed Vietnam. Yet, in a sense, this is the destination of *Empire*. It represents fiction on a grand scale, therefore, and there is room enough for the occasional entrance of such eminences as Henry James, William Randolph Hearst, and John Hay.

But if Vidal is interested in those large fluctuations in the history of the world, he is fascinated by what might be described as the small change of geopolitics — the bribes passing from hand to hand, the cabals and the manoeuvres, the gangsters who pass as statesmen, and the smoke-filled rooms which can on occasions be disguised as democratic assemblies. In that sense *Empire* is almost analytical in intent, since it is as much a lesson in the practice of politics as an exercise in the art of the novel. That is why Vidal is better with the great set-scenes — the parties in the White House, the political conventions — than with the conventional minutiae of plot development. He is more interesting about ambition than about passion: he is more concerned with power than with love.

Empire is a novel about personalities rather than about people, therefore, and as such it comes as a welcome relief. This is not to say that Vidal avoids human beings altogether; it is just he sees them in a rather more dramatic, even panoramic, context. He is probably the only living novelist who understands how politicians talk to one another and, perhaps more importantly, he is the only novelist who actually manages to make them sound interesting — since the great art of politics seems to consist in saying nothing at all, Vidal's ability to turn straw into gold ought to be studied by every aspiring lobby correspondent. He is good, too, on the *grandes dames* of the political establishment — the Washington hostesses, or "arch-duchesses", who really controlled the new empire, and who demonstrate yet again that rich women are America's greatest invention. There are times when Vidal's appreciation of these comic figures seems positively nostalgic; but in fact he is a dynast by observation as well as by breeding. He has probably learned more from Ronald Syme than from the Gettysburg Address.

And yet *Empire* has a theme that takes it beyond the orthodox niceties of historical fiction. Vidal's preoccupation is with the strange alchemy of political life — how is it possible for even the most awkward and disappointing human being to be transformed into an inspiring leader? That gap between the private and the public, between the real and the invented, has often been examined in his novels but here it becomes the heart of his design. That is why the real hero of *Empire* is not Roosevelt, but the man who made him possible — William Randolph Hearst or, as he was known to his employees, "the Chief". Hearst is described here as "the true inventor of the modern world" — the man who discovered the art of fabricating reality to please or persuade a mass audience. So in a sense *Empire*, like all good historical novels, is much more concerned with the present than with the past; and in this narration of the events of 80 years ago Vidal reports on the origins of "the media".

Perhaps that is why there are occasions when the novel seems too short for its subject and even for its characters. Nevertheless this is a genuinely engaging book.

Vidal is one of the few novelists left in America who, as he says, care to write "about public themes". Many solid American exponents of fiction take their imperial stance for granted — they co-opt large territories of experience in much the same way as their erstwhile leaders — but Vidal at least has the wit to examine it.

And yet he is not simply a political writer. One of the essays in *Armageddon?* describes how the old Washington was still a palpable presence in Vidal's own childhood — "so many relics of lost time," he says. It is that lost time which he is trying to explore within *Empire*, but it is not just the lost time of a nation. It is the lost time of its "biographer" too. The narrative is filled with intimations of sickness and of death; and, if this is a book about the transition from a republic to an empire, it is also about the displacement of generations in the same old sad story of growth and decay. This is a witty novel, but its oblique tone of lamentation makes it also a moving one.

Intrusive tourist invasion

SCIENCE FICTION

Tom Hutchinson

THE FORGE OF GOD
By Greg Bear
Gollancz, £11.95

Ever since *The War of the Worlds*, SF has seen our planet as a destination for package-tourist aliens intent — like all tourists — on inflicting pain or pleasure upon the natives. This tremendous new variation on the theme, though, goes beyond outsiders' threatening gestures to an Apocalypse from which only space-Arks can save the selected, possessed few.

The good news is that beneficent robots have landed in Australia. The bad news is that a biological arrival in America says that Earth is to be devoured. The worst news of all is that the US President has religious mania.

In a way, it has to be said, the President is right, as Mr Bear contrives reasons that are a commentary on *Revelations*. His pace has an awesome momentum; rarely, in the SF books I've read this year, have I felt so much in the presence of great events as the ultimate crisis splits minds like a hammer does nuts.

For this is the worst kind of alien invasion, by beings who do not even acknowledge our existence. To be destroyed by default is the kind of terminal humiliation for which even H.G. Wells had not prepared us.

● Serpent's Egg, by R.A. Lafferty *(Morrigan Publications, £10.95)*. The yolk has always been on the human race in Mr Lafferty's half-comic hallucinations; never more so than in this story of the next century in which a trinity of very disparate children — reared as a thinking entity — change not only the way we behave, but the way the earth is populated. A light fantastic of lovely ideas.

● Gollancz-*Sunday Times* SF Competition Stories *(Gollancz, £10.95)*. I have seen the future of future-literature — and it works! Here are goodies indeed: stories by authors not previously published. The winner is Paul Heapy's "Mortal Technology", a witty dissertation on the way the priesthood might prance along the pink pathway, but a special prize — and my heart — went out to Paul Gooding's "The Machine Age", a desperately moving tale of time-travel. A book to buy as a Christmas present, and keep yourself.

Bear with an Ark

● Interzone: The Second Anthology, edited by John Clute, David Pringle, Simon Ounsley *(Simon & Schuster, £10.95)*. These fictions, from the best British SF quarterly, include the usual anthologized names, from Ballard to Disch and back again to Watson. But they also have the quality of going right to the edge of ideas which can chill as well as warm. For instance, read Scott Bradfield's study of breakdown and fill-my-pockets evangelism, "Unmistakably The Finest", and know just how SF can involve as well as illuminate.

NEW HARDBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:

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FICTION

John Nicholson

THE YEAR OF SILENCE
By Madison Smart Bell
Chatto & Windus, £11.95

DUE EAST
By Valerie Sayers
Macdonald, £10.95

ALMOST JAPANESE
By Sarah Sheard
Faber, £6.95

CASTING OFF
By Louise de Salvo
Harvester, £10.95

Madison Smart Bell is a writer to be admired rather than loved. A Princeton-educated farm boy from Tennessee, Mr Bell has excited critics on both sides of the Atlantic with his brittle, jangling style, and the icy detachment with which he describes sophisticated Americans' search for oblivion. His affection for the human race is on a par with that of the young Albert Camus. Indeed, the characters of his fourth novel would surely have felt more at ease in St Germain-des-Prés in the early 1950s than in Yuppie Manhattan.

The Year of Silence refers to the penance pianist Tom Larkins imposes on himself when his hermit brother vanishes from a Brooklyn slum. Tom had nothing to do with the disappearance, and his attempt to appease whatever god is supposed to protect vagrants means that he must prepare for the most important engagement of his professional career on a mute practice keyboard. It is a completely futile gesture, but conventional to the point of banality compared with what's going on elsewhere in Mr Bell's mad, mad world.

Take Tom's next-door-neighbour, Weber. Driven far beyond distraction by the death of his girlfriend Marian, Weber downs vodka by the pint while a Janis Joplin track repeats itself endlessly on the hi-fi. Dangerous living, but far safer than trading side-kicks with black belt psychos in martial arts class ("Endorphins not kicking on schedule?", Weber smiled), or swaying in the suicide slot, high above Brooklyn Bridge.

The late Marian has a lot to answer for. Ask Benton and Brackton, the friendly neighbourhood cops who've seen most things, but still don't enjoy finding Marian four days after she finally remembers where her pills are stashed. And what about Gwen and Sinclair, who meet at her memorial service and flicker together for a few hopeful weeks until separated by her spectre?

It's a bleak tale, told with conviction rather than compassion by an exceptional literary technician.

The latter observation might also be made about Valerie Sayers. *Due East*, the title of her first novel, is also the name of a sleepy, strait-laced South Carolina town.

It is the home of 15-year-old Mary Faith Rapple, who to the consternation of all — especially her recently widowed father Jessie — has become pregnant. The baby's father, a tormented Catholic boy, commits suicide before learning of the results of his first sexual encounter, so Mary Faith is left to carry the can. The aplomb with which she does so stuns the tight-knit community. She rejects their solution — abortion — out of hand, and adds insult to injury by refusing to accept the emotions — guilt and remorse — they try to saddle her with. Mary Faith takes on the adult world, armed only with $50 wheedled out of a wimpish teacher, a precocious appreciation of life's absurdity — and absolute certainty as to what she wants out of it. *Due East* is funny, touching without being in the least sentimental, and pleasingly written: a perfect antidote to November blues.

The prize-winning young Canadian writer Sarah Sheard makes her debut as a novelist with a rather different account of the hazards of teenage sexuality in North America. Emma is 14, growing up in a prosperous Toronto household, with eccentric parents and a penchant for all things Japanese — especially next-door-neighbour Akira Tsutsuma. Akira is a conductor — of the local symphony orchestra at the time the book opens, but later of the Berlin Symphony Orchestra, a promotion that removes him, not a moment too soon, from Emma's ken. *Almost Japanese* is the story of an obsession: innocent — just — but sufficiently potent to restrict Emma's growth into womanhood until it is purged by a visit to Japan. This is a slight but exquisitely crafted story. Almost Japanese, in fact.

Louise de Salvo's first novel *Casting Off* is a very different kettle of raw fish. It describes suburban housewife Helen MacIntyre's fall from grace and subsequent humiliation at the hands of a selfish young photographer. Helen is egged on by her alter ego Maive, who successfully combines raving nymphomania with Earth-Motherhood and a fulfilling marriage. In her spare time Maive probably squares circles. Professer de Salvo's publishers think very highly of this book. I do not.

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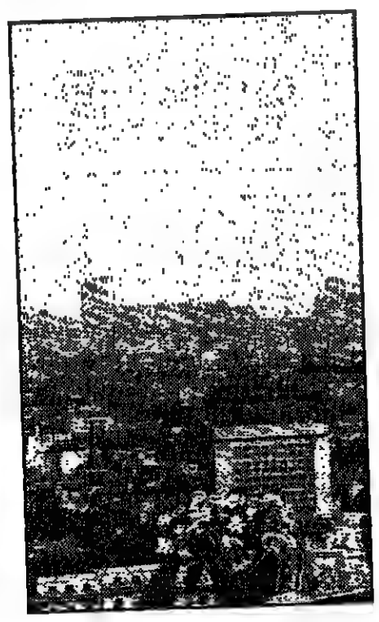

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THE ARTS

Hardly a hero

TELEVISION

I suppose it ill becomes those of us who were not around at the time to throw mud at war heroes, but even many of those who were active in the field seem to have found Field Marshal Montgomery a singularly unpleasant piece of work. The sort of man that war creates and then destroys, and whose appeal is based on worship by the many and *contempt for the few.*

Monty — In Love and War (BBC1) retailed many of the conventional stories about his lack of collaboration with Eisenhower, his military skill in set battles and his post-war interference in politics and international affairs. But this documentary, narrated by Nigel Hamilton, also tried to make Montgomery out as an almost tragic figure. It succeeded in demonstrating that although one could loathe him as a professional, you could only pity him as a man. The more we learnt about his relationship with his lover, his awkwardness with women and his inability to form relationships with anyone except a young Swiss boy who did not answer back, the more plausible it became to believe that wars are won mainly by people who find little satisfaction elsewhere in their lives.

It was a fascinating but not an especially well-made film, with far too much repetitive war footage. I wanted to know more about what actually made Montgomery's military decisions the right ones: here his skill emerged basically as raising morale and in estimating precisely the number of 13,000 men who were to die in his victory at El Alamein.

We need a good new children's serial, and *Aliens in the Family* (BBC1) looks very promising: a realistic modern tale of step-children and remarriages, mixed in with the testing procedures for a race of aliens with snub noses and a wonderful little red and blue globular insect which flies around the screen.

William Holmes

Classics and cons

CINEMA

Manon des Sources (PG)
Curzon Mayfair

House of Games (15)
Screen on the Hill, Cannons Haymarket, Tottenham Court

A Month in the Country (PG)
Notting Hill Gate, Warner West End

Friendship's Death
Camden Plaza

Surrender (PG)
Cannon Prince Charles

Sweet revenge from the exquisite Emmanuelle Béart in *Manon des Sources*

The large audiences who saw *Jean de Florette* in its four-month run at the Curzon are no doubt waiting for the sequel, *Manon Des Sources*, as eagerly as Victorians waited for the next instalment of a Dickens novel. The parallel is appropriate. Marcel Pagnol's great diptych, *L'Eau des collines*, which inspires the films, firmly continues the tradition of the 19th century realist novel.

Nor is it accidental that before this, the director Claude Berri produced Polanski's *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*. Even if it is set in Provence, there is a lot of Hardy's world in this monumental saga of good and evil, of greed, envy and vengeance, and of the workings of destiny. The events and emotions have the grandeur of classical tragedy, even though the setting is a primitive village of the 1930s.

In this second part of the drama, Fate gives Manon (now played by the exquisite Emmanuelle Béart) the means of vengeance upon the village which conspired to bring about the misfortunes and death of her innocent father. Her justice is poetic: she cuts off the villagers' vital water supply, just as they tricked her father out of the water for his crops.

Visually and aurally, the film is as thrilling as its predecessor. Bruno Nuytten's photography captures the splendour and threat of the Provençal landscape. The second part allows Yves Montand and Daniel Auteuil to grow to tragic stature in their nemesis and deaths. A new character, the young teacher (Hippolyte Girardot), is a heroic rustic Prince Charming who lovingly tames the wild Manon. Berri has found his true talent with Pagnol, and made an extraordinarily satisfying work. It has the mark of a classic; you feel it has always existed.

Con-men are the clowns of crime. In *House of Games* David Mamet, as writer and director, explores what happens when a con-man is pitted against a professional psychiatrist; whose job is also to get inside the minds of others.

Lindsay Crouse plays a best-selling psychiatrist, who is set up by Joe Mantegna and his con outfit. Having seen through their first scam, she becomes fascinated by the techniques of their craft. The con-man obligingly takes her into his confidence — but a con-man's confidence is a spider's web. The emancipation of the lady becomes an element in a very amusing crime story. The lugubrious seducer Mantegna and his henchmen are colourfully eccentric though particular honours go to the rotund Ricky Jay, making a memorable debut as character actor.

A Month in the Country is a refreshing British film that works through images and atmospheres rather than literary dialogue. Two young veterans of 1914-18, psychologically if not physically scarred by their trench experiences, meet in a Yorkshire village. One is engaged in restoring a medieval wall painting; the other excavating a medieval grave. Piecing together the archaeological past, they incidentally begin to reassemble their own psyches.

Directed by Pat O'Connor, who previously made *Cal*, it is a shade self-conscious in its sensitive understatement. Shy looks and chance meetings intimate an unexpressed attraction between one of the men (Colin Firth) and the sad young wife (Natasha Richardson) of the grim, ungenerous vicar. The more extrovert encounters with the local peasantry are a relief.

Kenneth Macmillan's photography beautifully evokes the Northern landscape; and Leo Austin's design catches the bleakness of the old vicarage. Picturesque as it is to have the restorer (Kenneth Branagh) live in the church belfry, it inevitably provokes profane practical questions like how he eats and where he gets his water? But the film is stylish and original, and the only blot on the meticulous period staging is Simon Gray's anachronistic dialogue.

Peter Wollen is a well-regarded academic and theorist. In *Friendship's Death*, he essays politico-philosophical science fiction. A Scottish newsman (Bill Paterson), working in Amman in Black September 1970, meets a mysterious young woman (Tilda Swinton), who announces she is only a simulated human, really an extra-terrestrial called Friendship, on a peace mission.

The outcome is a subdued and civilized duologue, with reflections, epigrammatic if not profound, on reason, violence, the relation of humans to technology and of the present to the future.

It seems poor economy to take Michael Caine, Sally Field and Peter Boyle, and waste them on a script (by the director, Jerry Belson) as witless and wandering as Surrender. A situation comedy about a writer which turns out to be a repetitive, soporific, loves-me-loves-me-not farrago.

David Robinson

Calling the tunes

CONCERTS

Enlightenment Chamber Ens.
Elizabeth Hall

The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, who have already secured themselves a Glyndebourne date in 1989, and a part in the Mozart bicentenary celebrations in 1991, decided to put themselves through yet another test.

This self-governing body, who pick and choose their own guest conductors, dispensed with one altogether. They cut down their numbers to a dozen strings, paid a piper or two for a Brandenburg, and called exactly the tunes they wanted.

This first concert of their chamber ensemble ended with a Fourth Brandenburg Concerto as spirited and stylish as any I have heard. As is typical with the performances of the larger band, it is not the number or type of instruments that are used, nor even their stylistic method which grabs the attention. It is the tireless examination, unravelling and delighted re-assembling of what they play; and the imaginative virtuosity of their soloists. It is, in other words, true musical authenticity.

Monica Huggett tussled with every cross current and under current of her solo violin figuration, slicing into a phrase like a diamond cutter, inspiring her two echoing recorder players, Rachel Beckett and Marion Scott, to dare their utmost.

Alison Bury had led the way in the three groups of three strings for the Third Brandenburg, passing the musical parcel with equal purpose. The Sixth, without violins, was less successful. The eye could delight in a pair of handsome gambas and an elegant violone; but the ear demanded finer viola playing for the highly sophisticated phrasing of its dark lattice-work.

Hilary Finch

Pint-sized Figaro

OPERA

The Marriage of Figaro
Pontypridd

For their winter tour of small theatres Welsh National Opera have got themselves an effective pint-sized *Figaro*. Michael Spencer's cartoon sets of drapes and minimal furniture provide a quick and ready image of grandeur for a stage only 29 feet across, and Malcolm Hunter's production takes advantage of the intimacy to convey feeling simply and straightforwardly.

Only when the staging gets ideas does it begin to falter. In particular, the "modern" props are no help: Cherubino has a haversack strapped to his back when he is being prepared for the army, and the poor Countess has to sing "Dove sono" while clutching her album of wedding photographs. Such things just create a noisy dissonance with the 18th-century ambience suggested by the decor and by the attractive costumes.

The other doubtful innovation is Cherubino's adolescent moustache, which unfairly makes Mary Davies look like a male impersonator and quite fails to fit with the immediacy and naturalness of her singing. Most of the cast come to this *Figaro* with the experience of WNO's full production behind them; Alan Watt's dark, almost Mephistophelian Figaro, Christine Teare's feeling Countess, Mark Holland's orotund Count and James Miller-Coburn's goggle-eyed Bartolo, swiftly and comically doubling as the gardener. Timothy German also shares his mimic talent between Don Basilio and Don Curzio, and there are two young newcomers: Clara Miller as a vocally agile (but not yet quite settled) Susanna and Marie-Anne Hetherington as a quick-witted Scots miss of a Barbarina. Anthony Negus conducts a big-toned performance.

Paul Griffiths

Plenty of puzzled looks and even a few early departures were to be seen on Tuesday evening at the first of a week of concerts by pianists Harold Budd and Roger Eno, the guitarist and electronics expert Michael Brook and the zitherist Laraaji; all artists associated with the Opal record label. We enjoy these passive soundscapes very much in the intimacy of our own designer living rooms, a part of the stylish audience seemed to be saying, but what

NEW MUSIC

Opal evening
Shaw Theatre

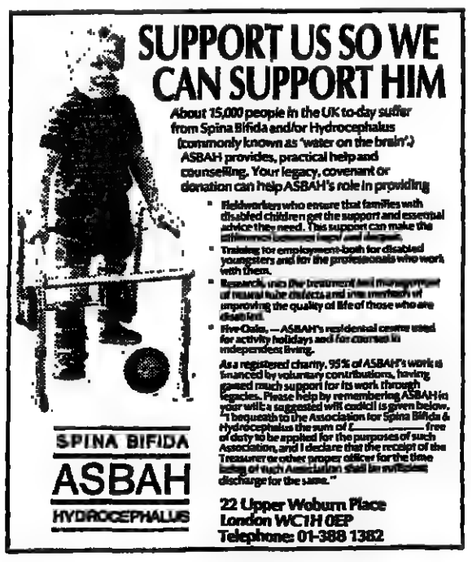
on earth are we supposed to do with it in public?

Opal is run by Brian Eno, the self-defined "non-musician" and celebrated aesthetic strategist best known for his collaborations with Bryan Ferry, Robert Fripp, David Bowie, David Byrne and U2, and for his pioneering work with "ambient music". Probably his most influential single achievement was *No Pussyfooting*, an LP recorded in 1973, in which Eno applied electronic treatments to Fripp's guitar in such a way as to produce a trance-like effect, as if the guitarist were playing in an echo-chamber full of mirrors. Immediately seductive, the recording became one of the cornerstones of the New Age movement.

Opening the concert with a guitar solo over electronic percussion programmed to create a North African mood, Brook seemed to be blending the Indian-influenced improvisational technique of the trumpeter Jon Hassell with the pedal-board wizardry known as Frippertronics. Then Laraaji took over, stroking and plucking his twin zithers like Shirley Abicair on acid. Different in texture but similarly insubstantial, Roger Eno's very English pastorales were interpreted by a trio of piano, clarinet and cello.

Budd, who has for some time seemed likely to achieve popular success as a sort of hybrid of Philip Glass and Mike Oldfield, added his sober Coltrane-influenced piano improvisations to prepared tapes apparently constructed from the sounds of desert winds, Tibetan prayer bells and the ghostly foghorns of sunken ships. Unfortunately the piano was slightly out of tune with the tape, or vice versa, rather taking the edge off the beauty and drama of music which is indeed best appreciated in the unfocused environment of one's home.

Richard Williams



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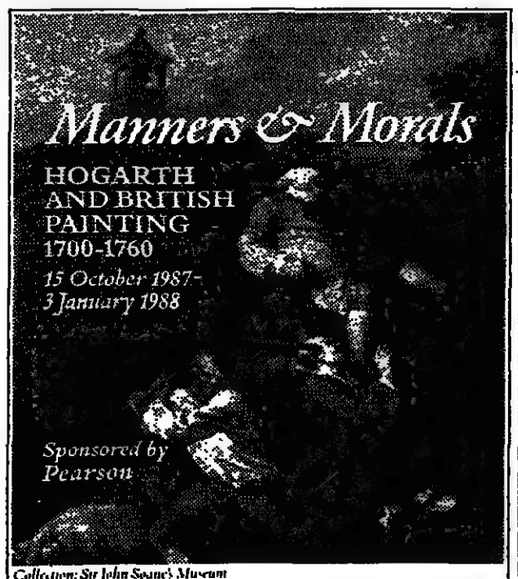

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Bungalow Barry

THEATRE

Back With A Vengeance
Strand

I have one important message for those wishing to see Barry Humphries's latest one-man/woman show, which is that they should not sit in the first four rows. For the first third of the evening this will put them out of range of the dribbling, whisky-spraying, ex-Cultural Attaché to the Court of St James.

Sir Les Patterson, admirers may like to hear, has been promoted to Minister for Tourism. In fact, his new post has made little difference to his manner or his jokes. His *smile is as gaping as ever, his* clothing as stained and, as frequent adjustments to his nether regions make clear, he has lost not a whit of his stature. His language remains splendidly ribald and pithy, but in widening his scope to include targets as disparate as Oliver Reed and the SDP, he has sacrificed some sharpness of focus.

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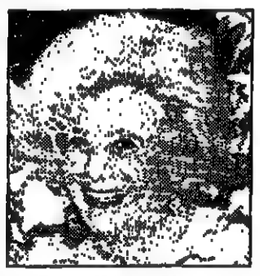


Dame Edna: widowed

recruited to a dreadful chat show hosted by Sir Les's *alter ego*, Dame Edna Everage. This is a pointless exercise, apart from providing the audience with the age-old pleasure of watching their fellows squirm with embarrassment.

Its pretext is that of diverting the housewife megastar *from a sudden, if long-expected* bereavement. Norm Everage has finally succumbed to the prostate condition which has provided an uncontrollable stream of repetitive jokes for the last 25 years. Of course his death merely occasions yet more of the same. A sequence on disabled toilets shows the Dame at her most inspirationally tasteless. Her great art is imperfectly to cover up gross physical processes with a *pseudo-genteel language of euphemism and latinism.*

She thrives on the suggestiveness of would-be vague words like amenity, ablution and discharge. But by the end of the show, reduced to hurling gladioli and supported by some leggy lovelies apparently left over from Sir Les Patterson's breakfast, she too seems to be searching for a target. She even makes a second joke about the SDP.

In between the two famous impersonations come the ruminations of Sandy Stone, a *revenant* to his old Art Decko home in one of Melbourne's leafiest roads of bungalows. These take the form of a rather lugubrious satire on suburban racism — jokes about Greeks and Vietnamese, some quite good ("we could smell their cooking on the bowling green"), others contrived.

The best part of this section, and possibly the whole evening, is the opening home movie of Melbourne's bungalow land. This is the world of cosy kitsch which produced Barry Humphries as an antibody and which he has now perhaps left too far behind.

Harry Eyres

Nana
Almeida

Like its past versions of *Bleak House* and *Pamela*, this Shared Experience show is not so much a novel adaptation as an act of theatrical transformation. Zola's book, with its big social set pieces and crowd scenes would be hopeless material for conventional adaptation. But in Olwen Wymark's text they become the material for something approaching a Second Empire ballet.

The company of 10 present a fluid, rhythmically thrilling narrative, switching between the stage of the Variétés, the salons of the rich, the Longchamps racetrack, and the other stations through which Nana - the Parisian Lulu - passes, destroying each client in turn before she is claimed by smallpox.

Whether her story amounts *to a fable of* class vengeance or suicidal appetite remains as debatable as in the book. But with a performance of such radiant sensuality as Belinda Davison's, the character escapes from any didactic ground-plan. Wymark has built in a few moral choruses on greed and self-preservation. But the actual episodes of shoe fetishism and masochistic role playing are as funny as squalid.

For all its grim advance through waste and degradation, the show above all communicates a mounting sense of exhilaration. Its development is wonderfully controlled by Anthony Ingle on three keyboards used to evoke an orchestra tuning up before plunging into gallops, polkas, and waltzes, all dramatically inflected to combine dance music with a sense of creeping infection and calamitously abrupt heart attacks. The production (by Jane Gibson and Sue Lefton) is choreographed to match: with lines of privileged punters changing in a flash into a chorus line of immortals in thermal underwear for a chunk of pastiche Offenbach, or *erupting into a unisex* can-can that reaches its climax with an instantaneous scene change showing Nana throwing out one of her millionaire admirers.

Settings are defined by mirrored screens; and the sight of *respectable* characters taking up raunchy alter egos in the demi-monde brilliantly establishes the two looking-glass worlds: especially when the move is made by such specialists in instant transformation as John Joyce and Lorna Heilbron. This is a *production* that invents its own conventions and justifies them up to the hilt.

Irving Wardle

Kate consents to a kiss

The British Actors' Theatre Company is the latest group of performers to band together to mount productions without the interference of producers, directors and other non-acting pests. The cast has directed *this touring production itself*

The Taming of the Shrew
Richmond Theatre

"with the assistance" of Peter Woodward, functioning as play manager.

Woodward is not performing in this play, though his brother Tim plays Petruchio. The job of play manager certainly antedates that of director by more than 2,000 years. The proof of the pudding, et cetera. When actors direct themselves a common thought is the tendency for cameo parts to bulge out of their settings; but all in all the company discover fresh fun in the play. Even where the skylarking has been seen be*fore the fun is genuine.*

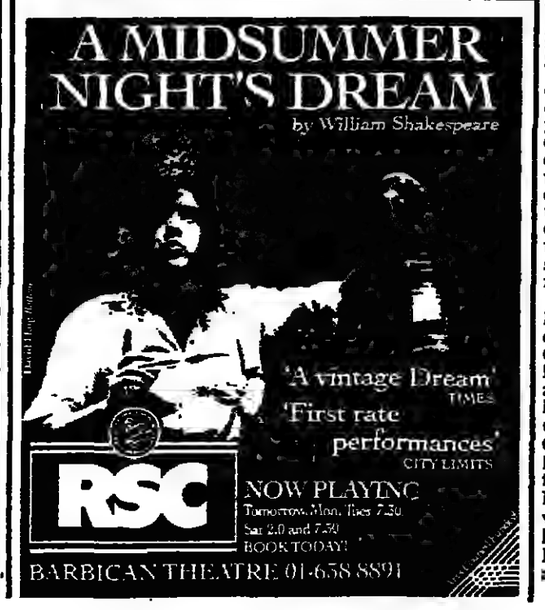
The playing of Lucentio, Bianca's principal suitor, is often insipid and drippish but Graham Pountney finds for him a repertoire of faintly absurd heroic poses that make him a likable fellow. Bad luck, one feels, to end up with Julia Goodman's calculating hussy. His raptures are carried to farcical extremes in Nicholas Day's Tranio, a jewelled fop with a fatal gift for letting himself be knocked over by Petruchio's swinging forearms.

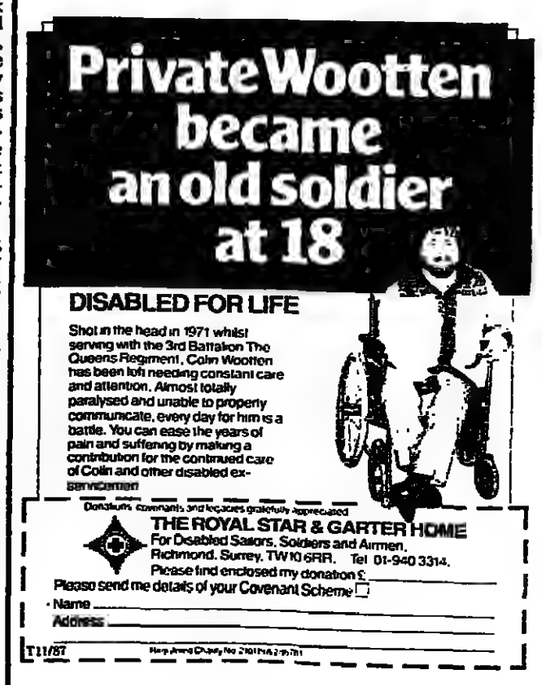
Tim Woodward makes his first appearance in black leather, nattily slashed and finished with shoulder studs, an s/m outfit for which Kate O'Mara's Kate falls pretty heavily. The obscene puns about joint-stools and tongues in tails leave her open-mouthed with pleasurable amazement that such frank and dirty talk has come hurtling into her Paduan backwater.

This is a legitimate reading of the text, though her scarcely veiled consent at "Kiss me, Kate" virtually ends her development half way through the play. Woodward and O'Mara spar with an enthusiasm marred only when she storms off shouting "Revenge!" in a voice that carries no conviction.

The two-storey set with wooden balcony stands above a triangle of street furniture which can be taken apart into three separate table, turning the set into a galleried interior. Paduans unwanted in the Petruchio scenes turn up in Guy Fawkes cloaks as his doddering servants, in a household where Woodward's rattling of a bunch of keys when asking that his Cousin Ferdinand be brought hints at a Glamis monster in the Gothick wing.

Jeremy Kingston





A diet on the scales

While the DHSS is investigating the safety of very low calorie diets, the BBC has been barred from screening a programme on the successful Cambridge Diet. Heather Kirby weighs the facts

Paula Youngs

There are only 36 dieting days left to Christmas, so all of us who feel we could do with losing a pound or six are either contemplating the coming festivities with foreboding or going on a crash diet. The trouble with short sharp shock treatments is that they are surrounded by controversy, and the situation has become very confusing for the mildly plump or seriously overweight, whose main fear is that by suddenly cutting the body's intake of food they may damage their health.

Very low calorie diets (VLCDs, sometimes known as "micro" diets and defined as diets with an energy value of less than 600 calories a day) are currently the subject of a long-running investigation being conducted on behalf of the Department of Health — although it will be another two months, the DHSS says, before the report by the Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy is published. The delay is exasperating almost everyone in the field of nutrition, and has led to some aggravation between Cambridge Nutrition Ltd, which markets the most famous VLCD, the Cambridge Diet (which offers the dieter 330 calories a day), and the BBC. The latter wants to screen a programme about the Cambridge Diet ahead of the Government report, but the company has been granted an injunction restraining the BBC from doing so.

Basically VLCDs are made up of low-fat milk solids and soya flour, with the US recommended dietary allowance (RDA) for vitamins, minerals and trace elements. According to the Cambridge Diet, its version also contains some fibre. They usually have a bulking agent added, and come in a flavoured powder form which you mix with hot or cold water; some also offer "meal bars" or biscuits. Boring though they may be, the results obtained by people who have had the will power to stick to them (Cambridge suggests its diet may be used alone for up to four weeks at a time) are said to be spectacular: average weight loss of 16 to 20lb in four weeks is not uncommon among the seriously overweight, according to the Cambridge Diet's originator, Dr Alan Howard.

Cambridge says the diet can be used by anyone wishing to lose weight, not just the obese, but emphasizes that it should be used as a sole source of nutrition only by those in good health or under the direct responsibility of the patient's GP. It does not recommend it for use by children below the age of 12, insulin-dependent diabetics, those who have recently experienced myocardial infarction, cerebrovascular accident, a stroke or major heart attack, or during pregnancy or lactation.

Disquiet persists among the medical profession about the loss of lean body mass. But Dr John Marks, a fellow of Girton College, Cambridge and medical consultant to the Cambridge Diet, says: "We presented the committee with some essential further work relating to the whole question of protein (lean body mass), which showed that ordinary methods of calculating it had no relevance whatsoever. Perhaps lean body mass should be renamed non-fat mass, because the contents are not only protein — 70 per cent is water, so if you change the water component you would get an apparent loss of protein. I demonstrated to the committee that, according to standard methods of measuring lean body mass, I could apparently change my protein level by 6lb in four hours, which is clearly nonsense."

Very low calorie diets have been the subject of more than 50 research studies, including one conducted over a period of 15 months by Dr Michael Hall, a gastroenterologist and lecturer at Bristol Royal Infirmary. "I don't think anyone has clearly shown whether there is specific depletion of very important organs like the heart," he says. "There would be that slight worry over very long periods, but four weeks is a fairly reasonable recommendation. My patients suffering from obesity were on a very low calorie diet over a period of 15 months without a single break, and came to no harm clinically. They were fairly closely monitored by ECGs and blood tests."

'Doctors have an intuitive feeling that they may be dangerous'

Dr Nick Finer, a specialist in metabolism and hormones who runs the obesity clinic at Guy's Hospital, London, says: "Many doctors still have an intuitive feeling, because of their knowledge of previous VLCDs, that they may be dangerous and undesirable." (In the late seventies 50 people who had been on America's first liquid protein diet, called the Last Chance Diet, died, a third of them as a direct result; autopsies revealed severe degeneration of the heart muscle.) "People of 20 to 25 stones do spectacularly well on low calorie diets because they find it easier to eat nothing at all than to eat just a little. But the problem is, are they appropriate for people who are only slightly overweight? There is a lot of argument that tissue is lost. Is it fat, is it muscle, is it both? If it is muscle, is it more muscle than would be lost anyway by losing weight?"

All doctors agree that being overweight is a health hazard. According to a report on obesity published in 1983 by the Royal College of Physicians, half the nation's 20-year-olds are too heavy; by their mid twenties, 31 per cent of men and 27 per cent of women are more than 10 per cent over what insurance companies regard as acceptable weight.

Alan Howard, who used his own overweight frame to experiment on, says that dieters need a helping hand as much as they need a safe diet. So instead of selling his product over the counter or through doctors, he introduced a system of counsellors. You can only buy the £12 a week supply from someone who has already successfully tried the diet him or herself. These counsellors, who make money by buying the product wholesale, are not medically trained. They have to attend three evening training sessions and can then attend other group sessions run by senior counsellors, although these are not compulsory. They have to abide by a strict code of conduct which says they must check that a new patient is not suffering from any serious illness; they cannot dispose of the goods for resale, and advertising for new customers is controlled.

John Marks admits that at first he was against the use of counsellors, which has been criticized as a form of pyramid selling. "I am a medic, not a marketing person, and I was appalled," he said. "I said the diet should go through doctors, but I have learned now that the vast majority of GPs are not interested in weight.

They will say to a patient, here is a diet sheet, come back in two months' time having lost a couple of stone. The counsellors are like Weightwatchers, they offer group therapy and provide support. The keen amateur who can devote time and effort is much much better than an unenthusiastic doctor who has not the time or the interest."

Alan Howard is now chairman of the Howard Foundation through which, it is said, the profits from his diet (its £25 million turnover in 1986 was an £8 million increase on the previous year) are channelled into biomedical research. Since it was launched here in 1984, two million people in this country have tried the Cambridge Diet. No serious side effects have ever been recorded, although diarrhoea, nausea, mild dizziness, splitting headaches, temporary hair loss and even gout have all been reported by dieters.

"One of my criticisms of these types of diet is that they do not teach patients a sensible eating pattern," Nick Finer says. "If they gain weight in the long term, then they may as well not have bothered to lose weight in the first place. I think they are useful, but these diets must be regarded as a tool and not a therapy. You can, of course, save yourself money by drinking instead three pints of skimmed milk a day and taking some vitamins and minerals."

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Period painkil

MEDICAL BRIEFING

As painful periods are self-limiting and cause no lasting damage, they are apt to be dismissed too easily by those who don't suffer from them. But the cramping pain can be excruciating and is often accompanied by headaches, nausea, and sometimes even diarrhoea. Painful periods are a common cause of absenteeism from work.

In considering dysmenorrhoea, the medical term for period pain, doctors divide the causes and the treatment into two groups; primary or secondary dysmenorrhoea. The secondary form is symptomatic of pelvic disease — usually endometriosis and pelvic inflammatory disease in the younger woman, thyroids in the elder. Before the doctor hands out an analgesic he always has to exclude these underlying conditions.

Primary dysmenorrhoea has no underlying cause and affects most women at some time in their lives. Fortunately, the outlook has improved enormously since the advent of the Pill, which makes it possible for the patient to continue to

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Within three minutes of the start of the new series of *Cagney and Lacey* on BBC1 last week, the station officer had offered the two detectives a low-cholesterol snack, and the Cagney family had sat down to wholemeal vegetarian lasagne with low-fat cheese sauce. In a book, *Eat Your Heart Out*, Dr James Le Fanu exposes the absurdities of the changing fashions which have been offered by experts in nutrition over the past 60 years.

Mrs Cagney's meal, which today would be rewarded by a commendation from Edwina Currie, would in 1939 have earned the family a reference in Parliament by Walter Elliott, as he piloted through another Bill to benefit the children of the poor who, in the view of the medical establishment, were growing up stunted, and failing to reach their genetic potential, by being deprived of eggs, milk, meat and butter.

The BMA at the time assured the country that half of its inhabitants were undernourished, and used as their criterion the intake of those four commodities. Impressive research trials, now dismissed or forgotten, related growth and stature to milk, dairy produce and meat intake. Dr Le Fanu's message is that most people are able to eat traditional food without having to worry about developing cancer, heart disease or other conditions from it.

Some people, a minority, who suffer from various biochemical abnormalities including a raised serum cholesterol, have to watch their diet, but the rest of us can in his view reject much of present advice as being only the latest example of the fickleness of medical experts.

Sweet and sour

Aspartame is an artificial sweetener 200 times as powerful as natural sugar. It has a multitude of uses in the food industry and is a boon to slimmers, as it lacks the distinctive taste of saccharin. One of the strongest myths about it among the anti-food additives lobby is that it causes headaches, and sometimes other behavioural and neurological changes in patients "sensitive" to it. The New England Journal of Medicine *reports a double blind crossover trial at Duke University, North Carolina among 40 people who were convinced that they always developed headaches after taking aspartame. Sufferers were given either the sweetener or an inert placebo in a capsule; neither doctor nor patient knew which.*

Twenty-six patients developed headaches but it was found that the headaches occurred rather more often in those patients who had taken the placebo than the aspartame (45 per cent to 35 per cent). The doctors suggest that evidence of food allergy should only be accepted after it has been tested with a double blind trial.

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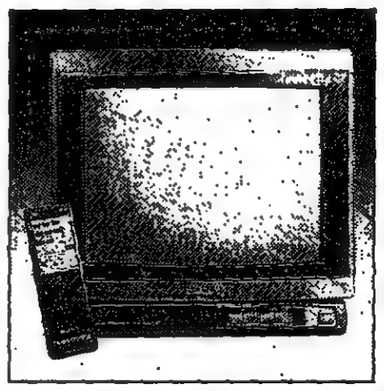

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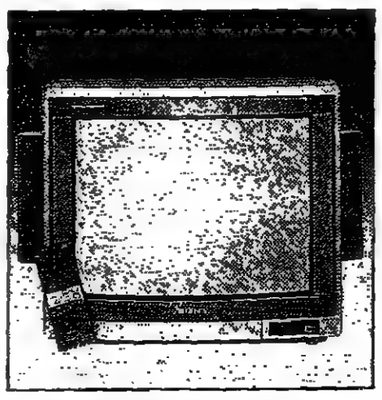

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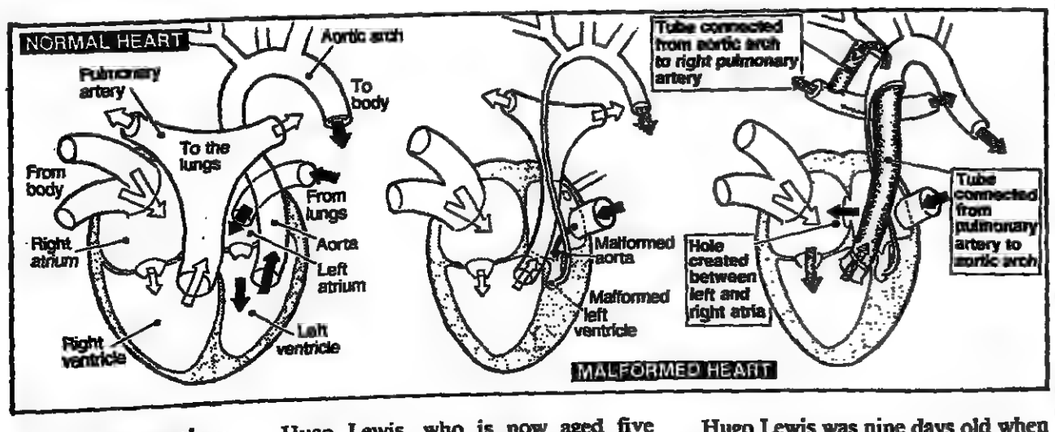
How a heart was remade

John Lawson



The operation which gave a future to tiny Hugo Lewis is rare in Britain; now it offers a new hope to other children

Hugo Lewis, who is now aged five weeks and who returned home to Hampstead from hospital on Tuesday, suffered from hypoplastic left heart syndrome, the most a common congenital cardiac disorder.

The technique used at the Brompton Hospital, west London, was developed in the United States, but is seldom attempted because of its poor prospects. The only alternative is transplantation, which is even more rare.

The heart is two pumps, providing blood to the body and lungs. Blood flows from the body into the right ventricle, and from there it is pushed into the lungs. It returns oxygenated to the left ventricle, and is then circulated to the body.

In the condition, the left ventricle, the main pumping chamber on the left side of the heart, and the ascending aorta, the main artery leading from it, are only a fraction of their normal dimensions. The heart is thus unable to pump blood around the body.

Hugo Lewis was nine days old when the Brompton surgeons operated to restructure his plum-sized heart. They detached the right and left pulmonary arteries from the main pulmonary artery and diverted blood circulation by joining the right ventricle, which normally only delivers blood to the lungs, to the aortic arch above the heart.

This was done with the use of a tube of cadaver tissue from another small child, and another tube was used to create a branch of the aorta to take blood to the lungs. A hole was then created in the septum between the left and right atria, so that blood from the lungs could return to the circulatory system.

The function of the left ventricle was taken over completely by the right ventricle, so that Hugo's heart, in effect, is now working as a single pumping chamber.

Thomson Prentice

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BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT: Frank Finlay, Wendy Craig and others in Jeffrey Archer's courtroom drama. Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-734 1166). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10.45pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £[illegible]13.50.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST: Dame Hilda Bracket bestows upon us her Lady Bracknell and Dr Evadne Hinge offers her Miss Prism in a cunning adaptation of Mr Wilde's original. Whitehall Theatre, Whitehall, SW1 (01-930 7765). Tube: Charing Cross/Embankment. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.30pm, mats Thurs 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £8.50-£13.50.

MACBETH: Exhilarating Cheek by Jowl's new production; Keith Bartlett in the title role. Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street, WC2 (01-240 8230). Tube: Leicester Square/Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mats Thurs 3-5.15pm and Sat 3-5.45pm, £5-[illegible].

NANA: Shared Experience's production of Zola's tale of decadent abandon in turn of the century Paris. Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury & Islington. Mon-Sat 8-10pm, £4-£7.

PETER PAN: Barrie with music; George Cole with the hook, and flying us off to Never-Never-Land. Barbican Theatre, Earlham Street, WC2 (01-379 5299). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.30-[illegible]pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30-5pm, £[illegible]0-£14.50 (half-price for children until Dec 23). (D)

SERIOUS MONEY: Caryl Churchill's searing musical play about the Big Bang transfers after a sell-out run at the Royal Court. Wyndhams Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 3028). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-10.45pm, mats Fri 3-5.30pm and Sat 4-6.30pm, £5-£13.50. (D)

A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE: Michael Gambon magnificent in transfer of Alan Ayckbourn's NT production. Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404) Tubes: Charing Cross/Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.40pm, Sat 8.30-10.40pm, mats Sat 5-7.10pm, £5-14.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ *The Business Of Murder*: Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036)... ★ *Cats*: New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ *Chess*: Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951)... ☆ *42nd Street*: Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0)... ☆ *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*: Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171)... ☆ *Me And My Girl*: Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4)... ★ *Les Misérables*: Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ *The Mousetrap*: St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ★ *Phantom Of The Opera*: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... ☆ *Run For Your Wife*: Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216)... ☆ *Starlight Express*: Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

CAMBRIDGE: ★ *A Month In The Country*: Cambridge Theatre Company's tour of Turgenev's eternal triangle: mother and daughter rivals for the handsome young tutor. Arts Theatre, Peas Hill (0223 352000) Mon-Sat, 8pm, £5-£6.50, mat Sat 4.30pm, £4.

LEICESTER: ☆ *Long To Rain Over Us*: Tension between conscientious objectors imprisoned alongside POWs in wartime Leicestershire. Haymarket Studio Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 439797), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £3.50-£8.

MANCHESTER: ☆ *Blood Wedding*: New translation of Lorca's ferocious drama of love and vengeance. Contact Theatre, Oxford Road (061 274 4400), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £4.

MANCHESTER: ☆ *Loot*: Bernard Gallagher plays McLeavy, the trusting innocent who unwisely believes in justice and honesty. Royal Exchange Theatre, St Anne's Square (061 833 9833), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £2.60-£9.50.

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■ **BEVERLY HILLS COP II (15):** Eddie Murphy repeats his performance as the brazen Detroit cop on a job in Los Angeles. Tony Scott directs (103 min). Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30. Cannon Bayswater (01-352 5096). Progs 1.05, 3.20, 5.40, 8.15. Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35. ⊠ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30. Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30. ⊠ Plaza (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, 2.30, 3.30, 4.45, 5.45, 7.00, 8.00, 9.15, 10.15.

■ **BLUE VELVET (18):** David Lynch's surreal tale about the placid surface of an American small town being violently ripped apart. With Isabella Rossellini and Dennis Hopper (120 min). Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3871). Progs 1.00, 3.10, 5.45, 8.20.

DIRTY DANCING (15): *Flimsy but energetic coming-of-age saga*, with Jennifer Grey as the headstrong girl losing her innocence at a Borscht Belt resort. With Patrick Swayze and Jerry Orbach. Directed by Emile Ardolino (88 min). Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.05, 6.15, 8.25. Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.30. Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 2.00, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25. (D)

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET III: DREAM WARRIORS (18): The latest addition to the gory adventures of demonic Freddy Krueger. With Heather Langenkamp, Patricia Arquette, and Robert Englund; director is *Chuck Russell (96 min)*. Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.50, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35. ⊠ Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.20, 8.50.

■ **THE UNTOUCHABLES (15):** Eliot Ness's gangbusters go after Al Capone in Brian De Palma's *entertaining drama, filled with* bullets, blood and thoughtful dialogue by playwright David Mamet. With Kevin Costner, Sean Connery, Robert De Niro (120 min). *Cannon Bayswater* (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.00. ⊠ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10. ⊠ Empire Leicester Square (01-437 1234). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

GALLERIES

RAYMUND ROGERS: Landscape paintings by a recent graduate from the Royal Academy Schools. The Solomon Gallery, 10 Dover Street, London W1 (01-499 4701). Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30pm, Sat 10-4pm, free, until Dec 9.

BRITISH WATER-COLOURS: Works from the 18th century to the present including examples by David Roberts and Thomas Rowlandson. Frost and Reed, 41 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-629 2457), Mon-Fri 9-5.30pm, free, until Dec 24.

BARBARA HEPWORTH: Ten sculptures from between 1961 and 1973. New Art Centre, 41 Sloane Street, London SW1 (01-235 5844), Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 11-3pm, free, until Jan 16.

JOHN BANTING (1902-1972): A show of 90 works by a major British surrealist. Rye Art Gallery, Ockman Lane, Rye (07973 3218), Tues-Sat 10.30-1pm and 2.15-5pm, Sun 2.30-5pm, free, until Dec 6.

STEPHEN FARTHING: A career *survey of a leading British figurative* and narrative painter. Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford (0865 728608), Tues-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-*6pm, 50p, until Dec 8.*

LOUIS LE BROCQUY: Paintings and drawings since 1975 by an elder statesman of Irish art. The Ulster Museum, Botanic Gardens, Belfast (0232 381251), Mon-Fri 10-5pm, Sat 1-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Jan 3.

8TH CLEVELAND INTERNATIONAL DRAWING BIENNALE: More than 60 drawings selected from over 2,000 entries, the first prize going to American Peter McLean. Cleveland Gallery, Victoria Road, Middlesbrough (0642 248155), Tues-Sat 12-7pm, free, until Nov 21.

ROCK

☆ **TOM WAITS:** Some of the moves sounded a little rehearsed on *Franks Wild Years* but he remains a performer without peer. Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081) 7.30pm, £11.50-£12.50, for four nights.

☆ **POP WILL EAT ITSELF:** Very non-U, brattish bunch from Stourbridge, promoting an estimable album, *Box Frenzy*, in a style located somewhere between that of the Beastie Boys and Big Audio Dynamite. Marquee, 90 Wardour Street, London W1 (01-437 6603) 7pm, £4.

A mother clutches her wounded child on the Odessa steps in Sergei Eisenstein's film, *The Battleship Potemkin*. "Dangerous to the state!" proclaimed a government minister when the film appeared in Germany in 1926. Trouble with officialdom had been expected from the film's overt Communist propaganda. But it was not the mutiny of the battleship's sailors that caused the outcry — it was the music, specially composed for the German release by Edmund Meisel. Over the next four days *Potemkin* is being presented across Britain with live performances of this "dangerous" score by the Brabant Orchestra (from Holland), conducted by Alan Fearon (from Newcastle). At the British première in 1929, the grumpy director complained that his film had become a "mediocre opera", but Meisel, who died the next year, aged 36, was no commercial hack: he had worked on Erwin Piscator's revolutionary stage productions, and his powerful score — his first for films — helped *Potemkin* become a year-long box office success in Berlin. On Friday *Potemkin* is at the Corn Exchange, Cambridge (0223 357851/463326) and on Saturday the film comes to the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London (returns only on the day 01-928 3191). Cardiff sees it on Sunday (St David's Hall 0222 371236), and on Monday York University (0904 59861). *Geoff Brown*

☆ **MICRODISNEY:** Aggressive Irish pop group which was widely and incorrectly tipped for the top earlier this year. Fridge, Town Hall Parade, Brixton Hill, London SW2 (01-326 5100) 7.30pm, £4.50.

☆ **ALEXANDER O'NEAL:** The Minneapolis soul sensation is still riding high with "Criticize". Poole Arts Centre, Kingland Road (0202 685222) 7.30pm, £8.50.

☆ **THE ALARM:** The U2 of the valleys continues the "Celtic Folklore" tour of remote western villages. Park Hall Ballroom, Wormelow, Hereford (0981 540273) 8pm, £5-£6.

JAZZ

☆ **JOHN SCOFIELD:** The American guitarist steps out of Miles Davis's shadow. Expect material from his new LP, *Blue Matter*. Henry Wood Hall, Claremont Street, Glasgow (041 221 5496), 8pm, £6.

☆ **BILL LE SAGE:** Underrated vibes player-cum-pianist in a convivial early evening trio slot. Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722), 6.15pm, £5.50.

☆ **CHARLES McPHERSON:** Exploring the heritage of Charlie Parker, the American altoist is backed by the ever-reliable Peter Ind trio. Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, £4.50.

☆ **EVAN PARKER:** Mind-stretching saxophone sounds from one of the world's leading free improvisers. Band on the Wall, Swan Street, Manchester (061 832 6625), 8pm, £2.50.

☆ **MADELAINE BELL:** The ex-Blue Mink singer holds the fort at Frith Street until the arrival of the Paris Reunion Band on Monday. Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (members £3).

DANCE

☆ **LA FILLE MAL GARDEE:** Ashton's romantic comedy for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet. Grand Theatre, New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459351), 7.30-9.45pm, £4.50-£14.

☆ **PULCINELLA:** Richard Alston's staging of the Stravinsky's ballet for Rambert Dance Theatre, with Michael Clark's *Swamp* and Lynn Seymour's *Wolfi* about Mozart and Salieri. Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041 331 1234), 7.45-10.15pm, £3-£8.50.

☆ **THE PHANTASMAGORIA:** London Contemporary Dance Theatre's spectacle of stage illusions combined with varied dancing. Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916) 7.30-8.30pm, £3.50-£10.50.

☆ **LA SYLPHIDE:** London City Ballet's attractive staging illusions combined with varied dancing. Theatre Royal, Theatre Square, Nottingham (0602 482626), 7.30-10pm, £3.50-£9.50.

OPERA

☆ **DIE ENTFÜHRUNG AUS DEM SERAIL:** New production by Elijah Moshinsky for the Royal Opera with Inge Nielsen as Konstanze and Sir Georg Solti conducting. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.20pm, £2-£70.

☆ **RIGOLETTO:** Jonathan Miller's mafioso production back in fine form at English National Opera, with John Rawnsley in the title role, Arthur Davies as the Duke and Anna Dawson as Gilda. Paul Daniel conducts. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.20pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **RAVEL DOUBLE BILL:** *L'heure Espagnole* and *L'enfant et les Sortilèges*, designed by Maurice Sendak. Sian Edwards conducts for Glyndebourne Touring Opera. Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021 622 7486) 7.30-10.30pm, £7.50-£16.50.

☆ **LA BOHEME:** Opera East's enterprising touring production with a lively young cast. Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage, Herts (0438 354568), 7.30-10.30pm, £4.50-£8.50.

☆ **HMS PINAFORE:** New Sadler's Wells Opera continue their tour of Christopher Renshaw's popular production. Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road, Southampton (0703 229771), 7.30-10.15pm, £3.50-£12.

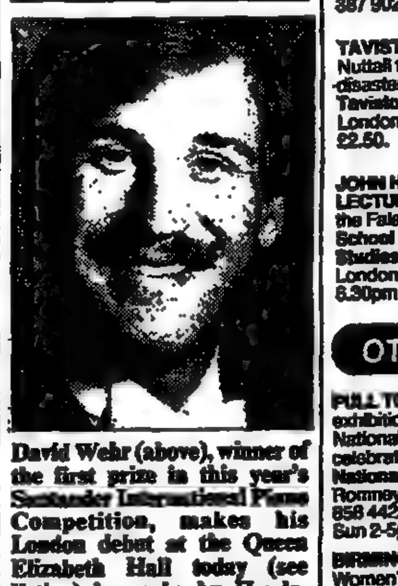
CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **LONTANO LUNCH:** The Lontano Ensemble performs Ravel's *Chansons madécasses*, Boulez's arrangement of Debussy's *Chansons de Bilitis* and a new piece by Paul Patterson. St George's, Charlotte Street, Brandon Hill, Bristol (0272 230359), 1-2pm, £1.80, £2.50.

EVENING

☆ **ECO CONCERT:** Beethoven's *Prometheus* Overture, Violin Concerto (Frank Peter Zimmermann, soloist) and Symphony No 8 are played by the ECO under Jeffrey Tate. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.15pm, £3-£12.



David Wehr (above), winner of the first prize in this year's Santander International Piano Competition, makes his London debut at the Queen Elizabeth Hall today (see listing) in works by Haydn, Schumann, Liszt and Samuel Barber. He is also making his debuts in Paris, Vienna and Madrid this season. The Santander competition is an increasingly attractive one for young pianists, partly because the first prize carries with it 120 international engagements spread over three years.

☆ **MAHLER MARATHON:** Michael Tilson Thomas conducts the LSO, London Symphony Chorus, *Southend* Boys' Choir and Jard van Nes (contralto) in Mahler's 95-minute Symphony No 3. There will be *no* interval. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, *London* EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.20pm, £5-£17.50.

☆ **SANTANDER WINNER:** See caption. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-*928 3191, cc 01*-928 8800), 7.45pm, £3-£6.

☆ **ECJ CONCERT:** The Ensemble Clement Janequin, which *specializes in* polyphonic works of the sixteenth century, sings pieces by Janequin, Lassus, Sermisy, Gentian and others. Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £4.

☆ **NEW COLLEGE CHOIR:** The Choir of New College, Oxford, sings Taverner's *Mater Christi*, Tallis's *Salvator Mundi*, Tye's *Peccavimus cum Patribus* and pieces by Rose, Byrd and Harris. St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £4-£8.

☆ **BADINAGE:** The Badinage ensemble, with Yeo Yet Soon at the harpsichord, offers pieces by Telemann, Handel, Bach, Marais and Corrette. Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £4-£5.

☆ **EROS/BSO:** Peter Eros conducts the *Bournemouth* Symphony Orchestra in Bruckner's Symphony No 4 "Romantic" and in Mozart's Piano Concerto No 24 the soloist is Eliso Virsaladze. Colston Hall, Colston Street, Bristol (0272 291768/262957), 7.30pm, £3.20-£7.50.

WALKS

POLITICAL LONDON: meet Westminster tube, 11am, £3.

JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON: meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £3.

LONDON IN THE BLITZ AND CHURCHILL'S WAR ROOMS: meet Westminster tube, 2.30pm, £2.50.

LONDON'S ANCIENT TAVERNS: meet Blackfriars tube, 7pm, £2.50.

FAGIN'S EAST SIDE HAUNTS: meet Aldgate tube, 11am, £3.

TALKS

STORYTELLING: Venita J Newell, Honorary Research Fellow, Department of English Language and Literature, talks on the function of storytelling. University College London, Darwin Theatre, Gower Street, London WC1 (01-387 7050), 1.15pm, free.

MEDIEVAL ART: Professor Ernst Kitzinger talks on the mosaic restoration in Sicily, 1350-1950. Courtauld Institute of Art, 41 Gordon Square, London WC1 (01-387 9022), 5.30pm, free.

TAVISTOCK LECTURE: Derek Nuttall talks on the impact of disaster on a community. Tavistock Clinic, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 (01-435 7111), 8pm, £2.50.

JOHN HACK MEMORIAL LECTURE: Gerald Gotzen talks on the Falashes of Ethiopia. School of Oriental and African Studies, Room G17, Malet Street, London WC1 (01-839 2158), 6.30pm, free.

OTHER EVENTS

PULL TOGETHER: Opening of an exhibition tracing the history of the National Union of Seamen to celebrate its centenary. National Maritime Museum, Romney Road, London SE10 (01-858 4422). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm. £1.20, until Apr 10.

BIRMINGHAM FESTIVAL EVENTS: Women's book fair at the Library Exhibition Hall, Paradise Place, 11am-8pm (free). Parody and the Victorians: lecture by Brian Baumfield, city librarian, at the Birmingham and Midlands Institute, Margaret Street, 11am. And a rare opportunity to listen to Gore Vidal who is launching his new novel *Empire*, and *Armageddon*, a collection of essays. Studio Theatre, 7.30pm, £4 (booking essential). *Box office* (021 440 3838).

KEN SMITH AND ALAN WEARNE: Readings from Smith's new book of poems, *Wormwood*; and from *Out Here* by Alan Wearne. Introduced by *Neil Astley*. National Poetry Centre, 21 Earls Court Square, London SW5 (01-373 7861), 7.30pm (reception 6.30pm), £3.50.

BLOOMSBURY BOOK AUCTION: Modern first editions for sale include Bram Stocker's *Dracula* (1897); Sir Winston Churchill's *Savrola* (1900); and Agatha Christie's *The Murder at the Vicarage* (1930). 3 & 4 Hardwick Street, London EC1 (01-833 2636), 1pm.

VIENNA BOYS CHOIR: Internationally famous choristers sing works by Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Strauss, Poulenc and *Copeland*. Central Hall, University of York, Heslington (Box office: 0904 644191) 7.30pm, £7.50-£10.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

BEETHOVEN CONCERTO SERIES: Hugh Tinney, finalist in 1987 Leeds Piano Competition, performs with London Soloists Chamber Orchestra conducted by David Josefowitz. Jan 18. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800, info 01-928 3002). Advance booking open. General booking from Dec 1/2.

ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER: London Concert Orchestra play excerpts from *Cats*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Phantom of the Opera*, with Marti Webb. Michael Reed conducts. Dec 12. Barbican, Silk Street, London, EC2 (01-638 8891, cc 01-638 8795).

VILLA-LOBOS CENTENARY: Serenata Chamber Ensemble with BBC Singers give centenary concert of the composer's works, under Richard Pittman. Dec 13. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800, info 01-928 3002).

DEPECHE MODE: Bookings for concert in Wembley Arena, Dec 11 and 12. Wembley Box Office, Middlesex (personal callers only). Postal bookings: Depeche Mode, PO Box 2, London W6 OLQ. (£7.30-£8.50, plus 30p booking fee).

LAST CHANCE

GUARDIAN ANGELS: Last performances of world première of Julian Garner play, depicting fortunes of English/Irish family from 1916 to 1966. Ends Sat. Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square, Coventry (0203 553055, cc 0203 553548).

CLAUGHTON PELLEW: Rare landscape wood engravings and etchings, 1890-1966. Until Sun. Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street, Oxford (0865 278000).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; *Films*: Geoff Brown; *Concerts*: Max Harrison; *Opera*: Hilary Finch; *Rock*: David Sinclair; *Jazz*: Clive Davis; *Dance*: John Percival; *Galleries*: David Lee; *Walks and Talks*: Greta Carslaw; *Other Events*: Judy Froshaug; *Bookings*: Anne Whitehouse.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

GLABROUS
(c) In anatomy, zoology, and botany, without hair. From Latin *glaber* and Old High German, *glat*, smooth.

SPIEGELSCHRIFT
(c) German for the familiar Romance *stregnographia*.

CANOSSA
(c) Where Henry IV, the Holy Roman Emperor, humbled himself before the Pope by standing for three days in the snow dressed as a penitent. To go to Canossa is to chuck in the towel.

PHILOPHOBIA
(a) Shrink's term for fear of falling in love or being loved, from the Greek.

DUP
(b) Acronym for *Docteur de l'Université de Paris*.

BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending Nov 14

FICTION

Moon Tiger, Penelope Lively	Deutsch	£ 9.95
Hot Money, Dick Francis	Michael Joseph	£10.95
Yes, Prime Minister, Edited by Lynn/Jay	BBC	£ 9.95
The Spring of The Ram, Dorothy Dunnett	Joseph	£10.95
Winter, Len Deighton	Hutchinson	£10.95

NON-FICTION

Still Dancing, Lew Grade	Collins	£12.95
Faber Book of Reportage, Edited by John Carey	Faber	£15.00
The Windsor Style, Suzy Menkes	Grafton	£20.00
Oscar Wilde, Richard Ellmann	Hamish Hamilton	£15.00
Coward & Company, R Briers	Robson Books	£ 8.95

PAPERBACKS

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The Fish Course, Jane Hicks	BBC	£ 6.95
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No Enemy But Time, Evelyn Anthony	Arrow	£ 2.95
The Old Devils, Kingsley Amis	Penguin	£ 3.95
The Complete Hedgehog, Les Stocker	Chatto	£ 6.95
The Free Frenchman, Piers Paul Read	Pan	£ 3.50
Floyd on France, Keith Floyd	BBC	£ 6.95
Whirlwind, James Clavell	Coronet	£ 4.95
My Family and Other Animals, Gerald Durrell	Penguin	£ 3.95

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ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795 Ton't 7.45 LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Michael Tilson Thomas (cond) Jard van Nes (contralto)

WIGMORE HALL 01-935 2141 Tomorrow at 7.30 pm. PURCELL QUARTET. Rogers Covey-Crump (tenor) Michael George (bass) Rise Browder (violin). Purcell: 2 Sonatas Nos [illegible]; Harpsichord Suite No 4: [illegible] upon a ground: [illegible]. Pavan, Organ voluntary; Song for bass; 3 duets.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA. Ton't 7.30 Rigoletto. Tomor 7.30 The Barber of Seville.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 836 6903. 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't 7.30 THE ROYAL OPERA Die Entführung aus dem Serail. Late comers cannot be admitted until the interval. Tomor 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET The Firebird/Scenes de Ballet/The Rite of Spring. Cast casting info 01 240 9815.

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DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108. 01-240 9066/7. First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee). Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (no bkg fee) David Merrick's 42ND STREET A SHOW FOR ALL THE FAMILY Winner of all the best Musical Awards for 1984 voted BEST MUSICAL STANDARD DRAMA AWARDS voted BEST MUSICAL LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARD voted BEST MUSICAL PLAYS & PLAYERS LONDON THEATRE CRITICS AWARD Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8.30. Xmas Mat Dec 21 at 3pm in aid of Standard Tree Appeal. Reduced price mat Weds. Students and OAP's standby. Group Sales 930 6123 4TH GREAT YEAR

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 cc 836 9837 379 4444 240 7200 741 9999 Grps 930 6123 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S AND THEN THERE WERE NONE "QUITE IRRESISTIBLE" D Mir "A STUNNINGLY ORIGINAL PLOT" D Tel. "A TRUE COMEDY THRILLER" LBC Eves 8 Mats Thu 3 Sat 5

FORTUNE THEATRE 836 2238 cc 741 9999 Evgs Mon-Fri 8pm Sat 8.30 Mat Thurs at 3pm/Sat 6pm NUNSENSE THE FUNNY NUNNY MUSICAL "It will run for years" D Tel "Wacky & Totally Entertaining" [illegible] "Soaring Success... Irresistible...Perfect Taste" Stage "A Great Big Embrace of Fun... Terrific Performances" BBC Bkg Fee 1st Call 240 7200 Open All Hours 379 4444 Grp Sales 930 6123 Over 250 Perfs. Bkg to Jan 88

FORTUNE THEATRE 836 2238 Roban McCullough in Vera Brittain's TESTAMENT OF YOUTH. MATINEES ONLY. Until Nov 28. Ring Box office for perf times.

GARRICK 379 6107 cc 379 4444 (no bkg fee). 741 9999 (no bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) WILLIAM GAUNT ROWENA ROBERTS MICHAEL SHARVELL-MARTIN WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE YOUR...TROUSERS? by Ray Galton & John Antrobus Eves 8. Mats Tues 3. Sat 5 OVER 250 PERFS THE NEW HIT COMEDY. NOW BOOKING UNTIL MAY '88

GLOBE THEATRE 01 437 3667/741 9999, First Call 240 7200 (bkg fee). MAGGIE SMITH MARGARET TYZACK in LETTICE AND LOVAGE a new comedy by PETER SHAFFER with RICHARD PEARSON directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE Mon-Sat 7.45 sharp. Sat Mat 3.00

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. cc 01 853 3800 (no bkg fee) Evenings 7.45, Mats Sat 2.30 A COLLIER'S FRIDAY NIGHT by D.H. Lawrence. "The authentic voice of Lawrence" D Tel. "Beautifully observed...a loving production" F.Times. "Finely cast and beautifully acted" Std.

HAMPSTEAD 722 9301. Eves 8. Sat Mat 4.30 SEPARATION, by Tom Kempinski. 'A tender heartbreaking love story' Sun Exp. 'Two blazing, soaring performances' S. Times. Extended to Nov 21

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 01-930 9832 ALAN BATES "AS SPELLBINDING AS EVER" Times "A DAZZLING PIECE OF ACTING" Gdn. in MELON by SIMON GRAY "DEEPLY ADULT PLAY... TRAGICOMIC IN THE TRUE SENSE OF THE WORD" Sunday Times "BY TURNS SAVAGE AND HILARIOUS, DISTURBING, MOVING AND EVEN HORRIFIC" Observer. Sunday Telegraph Directed by CHRISTOPHER MORAHAN Mon-Sat Evgs 8.00 Mats Sats 3.00 First Call 24 Hr 7 day cc bkgs 01-240 7200 (bkg fee). Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (bkg fee) Group Sales 01 930 6123 LAST FOUR WEEKS MUST CLOSE DECEMBER 12

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC 24hr (bkg fee) 379 6131/240 7200 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA DAVE WILLETTS CLAIRE MOORE MICHAEL BALL Rebecca Caine plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Evgs 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 SOLD OUT TIL 1st JUNE

LONDON PALLADIUM 01-437 7373 Opens Dec. 21 at 7.00 Red. Price Prevs. from Dec. 16 TOMMY & BOBBY CANNON BALL with MARTI WEBB Derek Griffiths Barbara Windsor Cheryl Baker Peter Howitt with John Inman Leslie New Production of BABES IN THE WOOD with Special Guest Star ROD HULL & EMU Major CC accepted. First Call 24 hr 7 day cc bkgs. 01-240 7200 Open All Hours 01-379 4444 CCTB 01-741 9999 (No bkg fee) Group Sales 01-930 6123 Special Party Concessions apply Box Office.

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01 741 2311. Eves 7.45pm Sat 4pm Last few days Molière's THE HYPOCHONDRIAC. Previews from 26 Nov. Charles Strouse's (author of ANNIE) new family musical LYLE. LYRIC STUDIO Eves 8pm Last few days ATONEMENT by Barry Collins.

LYRIC W1 437 3686/734 5166 "A Cheering Glory" Sun Exp. RUSS ABBOT ONE FOR THE ROAD By Willy Russell Mon-Fri 7.30 Sat 5.0 & 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0 1st Call 24 hr 7 day cc 240 7200. Open All Hours 379 4444 (Bkg fee) CCTB 741 9999 (Not Bkg Fee) Grps 930 6123.

LYTTELTON 'S' National Theatre 928 2252. Ton't 7.45 FATHERS & SONS a new play by Brian Friel after Turgenev's novel. Tomor 6.00 WANDERING JEW.

MAYFAIR 01 629 3037 From Dec 14 to Jan 2 Twice daily 2.0 & 4.0 Weds & Sats 10.30, 2.0 & 4.0 SOOTY'S XMAS SHOW

MAYFAIR CC 629 3036 379 4444 Mon Thu 8 Fri & Sat 5.40 & 8.10 RICHARD TODD in "The Best Thriller for years" S Mir THE BUSINESS OF MURDER "An unabashed winner" S Exp. "SENSATIONAL" Times 7TH THRILLING YEAR

MERMAID THEATRE 01-236 5568/638 8891/741 9999 (incl Sun). ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY Today 2.0 & 7.30, rtns 30 Nov. SARCOPHAGUS by Vladimir Gubaryev (Seats £4.50 in advance) 'ON NO ACCOUNT TO BE MISSED' Observer. Tomor 7.30, Sat 2.0 & 7.30 THE ROVER. First Call 240 7200 (Groups 930 6123)

NATIONAL THEATRE CC 01-928 2252 CC Agencies, bkg fee 379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 See OLIVIER/LYTTELTON/COTTESLOE Cheap seats days of perfs from 10am.

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches. Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER/T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL CATS Group Bookings 01 405 1567 or 01 930 6123. NOW BOOKING TO JUNE 88 Some Seats avail for extra Xmas Mats 21, 22, 29, 31 December. No Perf Xmas Eve.

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 Eves 7.30, Wed Mats 2.30, Sats 4.0 & 7.45 "THE BEST MUSICAL IN LONDON" NY Post Royal Shakespeare Company in KISS ME KATE with NICHOLA McAULIFFE JAMES SMILLIE TIM FLAVIN "COLE PORTER'S GLORIOUS MUSICAL" D.Tele. CC Nos (bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 4444/1st Call 240 7200/KP 741 9999. Grp Sales 930 6123

OLIVIER 'S' National Theatre 928 2252 Ton't & Tomor 7.00 ANTONY & CLEOPATRA by Shakespeare. Tomor 2.00 THE PIED PIPER.

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444 First Call 24Hr 7 Day cc 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123 "THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS" Newsweek Winner of 8 Tony Awards for BEST MUSICAL LES MISERABLES "THE MUSICAL SENSATION" Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval "FIGHT TO GET A TICKET" LBC NOW BOOKING TO SEPT 26 '88 Special Xmas Mats 23 24 29 Dec

PHOENIX THEATRE 240 9661 836 2294 cc 741 9999 379 4444 (no bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) ALBERT FINNEY GEMMA PECK in J J FARR by RONALD HARWOOD Directed by RONALD EYRE Evgs 8 Mats Thu & Sat 3 Today's Mat cancelled

PICCADILLY 437 4506 CC 379 6565/4444 Open All Hours/741 9999. "AN UNSTOPPABLE SUCCESS" D. Express BLUES IN THE NIGHT The glorious blues & jazz hit "SUBLIME THEATRICAL MAGIC" D. Mail LOW PRICE SHOWS FRI & SAT 6.30 Mon-Thu 8. Fri & Sat 6.30 & 9

PLAYHOUSE Northumberland Ave WC2 839 4401 cc 24hr 240 7200 (bkg fee) 741 9999 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 HAZEL O'CONNOR DAVID EASTER HOWARD GOODALL'S GIRLFRIENDS "Marvellously stirring bittersweet music" BBC "The girls sing up a storm" F.T. Mon-Fri 8, Mat Thur 3 Sat 5 & 8.30 LAST WEEK

PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 ALL tel cc bkgs FIRST CALL 24 hour 7 day on 836 3464 Grp Sales 930 6123. Mon-Sat 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 BEST MUSICAL 1986 Drama Magazine CHESS "A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW" Newsweek Now booking to July 88 APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS

PRINCE OF WALES 839 5987 First Call 24hr-7 day (BKG FEE) 240 7200. Grps 930 1940 ALLO ALLO with the TV SHOW STARS "IT'S ALL SAUCE AT THE CAFE OF LAUGHS" D. Exp Evgs 8.0, Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.40 ONLY 7 MORE WEEKS

PRINCE OF WALES 839 5989 GEMMA CRAVEN EMILE BELCOURT RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S SOUTH PACIFIC Previews from January 9. Credit Cards 240 7200 (24hrs) Group Sales 930 6123

QUEEN'S 734 1166/0261/0120 cc 741 9999 24hr 7 day cc 240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 FRANK FINLAY WENDY CRAIG BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT "BRILLIANT" PA "A TRIUMPH" D Exp "A SMASH HIT" The People by JEFFREY ARCHER DAVID LANGTON JEFFRY WICKHAM ANDREW CRUICKSHANK Directed by DAVID GILMORE Mon-Fri 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 5 & 8.30 Some good seats available for Matinee today NOW BOOKING TO SEPT 88

ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745. "An amazing play" Gdn. A LIE OF THE MIND by SAM SHEPARD. Evgs 7.30, Sat Mats 2.30.

ROYAL COURT UPSTAIRS 730 2554. Till 28 Nov. National Theatre education presents APART FROM GEORGE, written and Dir. by Nick Ward. Eves 8.00, Sat Mat 4.00.

ROYALTY 01 831 0660 CC 01 240 7200 (bkg fee) Opens 24 Nov until Jan 30. Perfs 10.30, 2 pm, 6.30 pm. Check Box Office for details - Now booking WINNIE THE POOH by AA Milne. Not suitable for children under 4 years old

ROYALTY WC2 01 831 0660 CC 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Eves 8.00, Sat 5.00 & 8.00. Wed Mat 3.00 Season Ends Sat ROYALTY THEATRE CO PETER BLYTHE, JUDY CAMPBELL, PAUL DANEMAN, DULCIE GRAY, ANNIE LEON, JENNIE LINDEN, KATHARINE SCHLESINGER IN GRAHAM GREENE'S THE LIVING ROOM Directed by BRYAN FORBES

SADLERS WELLS please see Opera and Ballet Section.

SAVOY THEATRE 836 8888. CC & Groups 379 6219, 836 0479/741 9999. First Call 240 7200 (bkg fee). Group Sales 930 6123 CHARLTON HESTON "Undeniable Magnificence" Ind OWEN TEALE BENJAMIN WHITROW JOHN BLUTHAL and ROY KINNEAR In the Chichester Festival Theatre production of "This fine play" D.Mail A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS "A part built for Heston" Times BY ROBERT BOLT "Genuinely moving" Guardian DIRECTED BY FRANK HAUSER Eves 7.30, Mats Wed & Sats 2.30 "Extraordinary emotional impact" Standard

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE 379 5399 24hr cc 379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 WINNER BEST MUSICAL 1987 STANDARD DRAMA AWARDS & DRAMA MAGAZINE AWARDS DIANA RIGG JULIA McKENZIE DANIEL MASSEY DAVID HEALY & DOLORES GRAY FOLLIES The Sondheim/Goldman Musical "A TRULY FANTASTIC EVENING" F.T. Evgs 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3. APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS Box office phones open 9am-9pm Discounts available for groups for Wed Mats. Gala Performance 26 NOV in aid of Tricycle Theatre Building Appeal CC 379 4444 (24 hrs) Special Xmas Mats. 21, 23, 29 Dec. No Perf Xmas Eve.

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0 35TH YEAR OF AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND 836 2660 cc 836 4143/5190 1st Call 24hr 240 7200 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 BARRY HUMPHRIES in BACK WITH A VENGEANCE! Mon-Fri 7.30 Sat 2.30 & 8.

STRATFORD UPON AVON (0789) 295623. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY at RST, Merchant of Venice Mat Today 1.30. Julius Caesar Tonight 7.30. Measure For Measure Tomor 7.30. The Taming of the Shrew Mat Sat 1.30. Twelfth Night Sat 7.30. Swan Theatre Titus Andronicus Mat Today 1.30. Hyde Park Tonight 7.30. The New Inn Tomor 7.30. The Revenger's Tragedy Mat Sat 1.30. The Jew of Malta Sat 7.30. Stop - Over Meal/ticket package (0789) 414999.

TRICYCLE THEATRE 372 6611 24hr CC 379 4444 or Shaftesbury Theatre box office 379 5399 FOLLIES The Sondheim/Goldman musical Thanksgiving Gala perf in aid of Tricycle Appeal 26 Nov 7.45pm Good seats still avail £50, £25.

VAUDEVILLE Box Office & CC 836 9987/5645 First Call CC 24 Hrs 240 7200 (bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 4444 (bkg fee) CCTB 741 9999 (No Bkg Fee) Grp Sales 930 6123 Air Conditioned GEOFFREY HUTCHINGS TOYAH WILLCOX in The National Theatre Production of THREE MEN ON A HORSE Directed by Jonathan Lynn "Utterly hilarious" S Times "A Great Night Out" Sun Exp. "An Out-and-out winner" Times. Evgs 8.00 Mats Wed 3.00 Sats 5.00 & 8.30 OVER 100 PERFORMANCES LAST 3 WEEKS

VAUDEVILLE 836 9987 CC 836 5645 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999. Twice daily from Dec 9 KENNETH GRAHAME'S THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

VICTORIA PALACE Box Office & cc 834 1317/828 4735 cc 741 9999 379 4444 First Call cc 240 7200 24hr 7 day Grp Sales 930 6123 "A WONDERFUL EVENING OUT... I'M HIGH ON HIGH SOCIETY" S.Times PATRICK RYECART ANGELA RICHARDS STEVEN PACEY JULIE OSBURN HIGH SOCIETY Directed by Richard Eyre "PURE MAGIC" D.Exp Mon-Fri 7.45 Wed Mat 3 Sat 4.45 & 8.15 NOW BOOKING TO JAN 16

WESTMINSTER 01-834 0283/4 CC 834 0048/240 7200 (bkg fee) Another magical Journey into Narnia - Until 19 Dec. Mon. Fri 2pm, 6.30pm Tues. Wed. Thurs 10.30am, 2pm. Sat 3pm, 6.30pm THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE From 23 December THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER

WHITEHALL off Trafalgar Sq. 01 930 7765 CC 379 6565/379 4444/741 9999/240 7200 (bkg fee) Mon - Fri 8 pm, Wed mat 3.00, Sat 5 & 8.15 HINGE & BRACKET In Oscar Wilde's THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST Directed and adapted by Lou Stein

WYNDHAM'S 836 3028 CC 379 6565/4444 (no bkg fee) and 741 9999/240 7200 (bkg fee) Grps 836 3962. Royal Court production of Caryl Churchill's SERIOUS MONEY BEST COMEDY Evg Std Drama Awards '87 "PURE GENIUS" Tel "WICKEDLY ACCURATE" T L S "FURIOUSLY FUNNY" C L Mon to Thu 8.0 Fri 3.0 & 8.15, Sats 4.0 & 8.15

ART GALLERIES

ANTHONY D'OFFAY 9 Dering St, W1. 499 4100 GWEN JOHN.

BARBICAN ART GALLERY Level 8 Barbican Centre London EC2 01-638 4141 ext 306 THE EDWARDIAN ERA Until 7 Feb Mon - Sat 10am - 6.45pm Sun & Bank hols 12 - 5.45pm Adm £3 conc £1.50

COLNAGHI 14 Old Bond St. W1. 491 7408. MASTER PRINTS - FIFTEENTH - NINETEENTH CENTURY. Until 5 Dec. Mon-Fri 10-6. Sats 10-1.

FINE ART SOCIETY 148 New Bond St, W1 01-629 5116. JOYCE GODDEN and DAISY BORNE.

FISCHER FINE ART 30 King St, St James's, SW1. 839 3942. SANDRA CHIA - New Work 1986-7. Until 18 Dec. Mon-Fri 10-5.30, Sats 10-12.30.

JPL FINE ARTS 26 Davies St, W1. An Exhibition of French Impressionist and Post-Impressionist Paintings, Watercolours and Drawings Until 29th Jan '88. Mon-Fri 10-5.30 Catalogue available Tel: 01-493 2630

LEFEVRE GALLERY 30 Bruton Street, W1 01-493 2107 AN EXHIBITION OF WORKS BY EDWARD BURRA (1905-1976). 4th November - 18th December. Mon-Fri 10-5, Sats 10-12.30.

MALL GALLERIES (Nr Admiralty Arch) SW1. New English Art Club Annual Exhibition Daily 10-5 until Nov 21. Tel. 01 930 6844. All works for sale.

MATTHIESEN, 7 Mason's Yard, SW1. ITALIAN ROCOCO PAINTING 1720-1800. Mon-Fri 10-5.

MEDICI GALLERIES, 7 Grafton St, Bond St, W1. 629 5675. Christmas Exhibition with replicas and silks by RECOLLECTIONS until 24 Dec. Mon-Fri 9-5.30, Sat 9.30-1.30. Late opening 19 Nov until 9pm.

New Art Centre, 41 Sloane St, SW1 01-235 5844. "BARBARA HEPWORTH", Wkdays 10-6, Sats 11-3.

PARKIN GALLERY 11 Motcomb St, SW1. 01-235 8144. A TRIBUTE TO BRIAN COOK A Retrospective Exhibition.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS, Piccadilly W1. 01-734 9052. Open daily 10-6 inc. Sun. (reduced rate Sun until 1.45). AGE OF CHIVALRY: ART IN PLANTAGENET ENGLAND 1200 - 1400.

W H PATTERSON 19 Albemarle St, W1. Tel: 01-629 4119. EXHIBITION - THE EQUESTRIAN SCULPTURE OF JONATHAN KNIGHT. 11th - 25th Nov. Mon-Fri 9.30 - 6. Sat 10-1.

CINEMAS

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. Yves Montand & Gerard Depardieu in JEAN DE FLORETTE (PG) Film at 1.15 (not Sun) 3.30 6.00 8.30. "Most compelling film in London" D.Tel. "Hugely enjoyable" Std. LAST WEEK. From Fri MANON DES SOURCES (PG).

CURZON PHOENIX Charing Cross Rd 240 9661 Fellini's LA DOLCE VITA (18) Film at 1.00 (not Sun) 4.15, 7.40.

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. Dennis Hopper in RIVER'S EDGE (18). Film at 2.00 (not sun) 4.10 6.20 8.40. "Don't miss" D Mail. "Utterly riveting" D Tel. LAST WEEK. From Fri JEAN DE FLORETTE (PG).

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE 930 5252 (Enq)/930 7615 (24 hr Access/Visa/AmEx Bookings) A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET PART 3: DREAM WARRIORS (18) Sep progs Daily 1.30 3.50 6.20 8.50. All progs bookable in advance.

MINEMA 45 KNIGHTSBRIDGE 235 4225 RADIO DAYS (PG) Daily 3.00 5.00 7.00 9.00.

ODEON HAYMARKET (839 7697) BLISS (18) Sep progs Daily 1.10 3.30 6.00 8.35. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111) Info 930 4250/4259 Exclusive Presentation ISHTAR (PG) Sep progs Doors open Daily 1.45, 4.50, 7.30. All progs bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access / Visa / Amex) 930 3232 or 839 1929, 24 hour service

ODEON MARBLE ARCH (723 2011) Walt Disney's Classic SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS (U) Sep progs Doors open Daily 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30. Evening performance bookable in advance. Reduced prices for OAP's, UB40 holders and Under 16's

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Leon Errol in Pretty Dolly (b/w). **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25.**
8.40 Open Air. Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on yesterday's offerings on television **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by **Neighbours** (r). **9.20 Kilroy.** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on child labour – enterprise or exploitation?.
10.00 News and weather followed by **Going for Gold** (r). **10.25 Children's BBC.** Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by *Play School presented by* Carol Chell and Mike Amatt, and **Pinny's House** (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. A thought for the day from Siân Phillips **11.00** *News and weather followed by* **Open Air** introduced by Bob Wellings and Susan Rae.
12.00 News and weather followed by **Daytime Live** with Pamela Armstrong, Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 *One O'Clock News with* Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30 Neighbours.** Charlene helps Nikki prepare for her big night. **1.50 Going for Gold.** *European general knowledge quiz*
2.15 Film: The Ghost Goes West (1936, b/w) starring Robert Donat, Jean Parker and Eugene Pallette. The story of a haunted Scottish castle that is transported to Florida – along with the ghost. Directed by René Clair. **3.40 Lifeline.** The latest charity news and an appeal on behalf of *Crisis at Christmas* (r).
3.50 Jimbo and the Jet Set (r). **4.00** Chucklehounds (r). **4.05** Benji, Zax and the Alien Prince. Part two (r). **4.30** Around the World with Willy Fog.
4.55 Newsround **5.05 Blue Peter. 5.35** Masterteam 87.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather. **6.35 London Plus.**
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Simon Mayo and Steve Wright.
7.30 EastEnders. Michelle is concerned about financial matters; and Carmel is suspicious about Damon's latest preoccupation. (Ceefax)
8.00 Tomorrow's World includes a report on the unhealthy state of the North Sea and a road test on a car that can drive on ice without chains.
8.30 In Sickness and In Health. Alf's visit to the pensioners' afternoon tea dance at the local petals leads to him having an altercation with Fancy Fred (Spike Milligan) – something that continues later after Fred inadvertently parks his van outside Alf's front door.
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.
9.30 The Mistress. Luke, after spending a week with Maxine, is rushed to hospital with an appendicitis. It falls to Maxine to try and make his house looked lived in before his wife returns (r).
10.00 Question Time. Tonight, Sir Robin Day is joined by Neil McIntosh, Dr Kenneth Miller, and MPs Chris Patten and Joan Ruddock.
11.00 The Untouchables (b/w). The government agents are in a race to reach an accountant with the mob's financial dealings committed to memory before Capone's henchmen can kill him. Starring Robert Stack.
11.50 Save a Life. Dr Alan Maryon Davies with emergency first aid advice (r).
12.00 Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am introduced by Kay Burley and Richard Keys.
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Kay Burley and Mike Morris. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; and pop music at **7.55.** After Nine includes information on colour therapy.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Runway. Travel quiz. **10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25** News headlines **10.30** The time. . . The Place. . . Mike Scott is in Tiverton to chair a debate on the contentious subject of blood sports.
11.10 Puddle Lane; Puppet series. **11.25** Thames news headlines **11.30 Look Good, Feel Great** includes advice on avoiding stress and stress-related illness **12.00 The Sullivans.**
12.30 News **12.50** Thames news.
1.00 Falcon Crest. Drama serial starring Jane wyman as the matriarch of a California wine dynasty **1.55 Home Cookery Club.** Quick Christmas Cake. **2.00 Cross Wits.** Word game.
2.30 All Our Yesterdays. Bernard Braden introduces news clips dating from the autumn of 1962 **3.00 Take the High Road.** Sneddon and Bob have another confrontation **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 Flicks. Christopher Lillicrap with the story *Make Way for Ducklings* **4.10 The Telebugs 4.20 Chish 'n' Fipa.** Adventures of two garden gnomes **4.45 The Haunted School.** Serial about an English governess who starts a school in the Australian bush.
5.15 Blockbusters.
5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.
6.25 Help. A repeat of the programme on the Campaign Against Solvent Abuse.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Emmerdale Farm. Sandie begins to have doubts about her future.
7.30 Only When I Laugh. Comedy series set in the men's ward of a hospital. Starring James Bolam, Peter Bowles and Christopher Strauli (r).
8.00 Strike It Lucky. Quiz game using the latest technology, presented by Michael Barrymore.
8.30 This Week. Julian Manyon reports from the front line of Africa's Aids problem – on the devastating scale of the disease and the research for a safe and effective vaccine.
9.00 The Equalizer. McCall is asked to trace a missing girl, a search that leads him into the murky waters of child pornography. Starring Edward Woodward. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten and weather followed by Thames news.
10.30 *The City Programme* includes a report on South Africa's exiled entrepreneurs who are flourishing in the City. Plus, the profitable art of hanging investments on your wall.
11.00 01- for London. A critical guide to the capital's entertaining diversions.
11.30 Prisoner Cell Block H. Drama serial set in an Australian women's prison.
12.30 Meltdown. Hue & Cry in concert.
1.00 A Problem Ahed. Viewers' personal problems discussed. Introduced by Betty Ehrzig.
1.30 Jessie. Police psychiatrist series starring Lindsay Wagner.
2.30 News headlines followed by **Too Close for Comfort.** Comedy series.
3.00 Film: Beneath the Planet of the Apes (1969) starring James Franciscus and Charlton Heston. A sequel to the *Planet of the Apes* adventure. Astronaut Brett is sent to locate the missing Taylor and crash-lands on the edge of the Forbidden Zone. Directed by Ted Post.
5.00 *ITN World News* **5.30 CNN Headline News.** Ends at **6.00.**

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax 9.25 Daytime on Two: bodybuilding in Austria **9.42** Fashion design **10.15** Science: stability **10.38** *Investigating science* **11.00** Thinkabout **11.15** The Great Fire of London **11.35** Racial violence **12.05** The Space Shuttle and Newton's Laws of Motion **12.25** *How spiritual life has been expressed* **12.50** Microtechnology **1.20** For the young **1.38** Music: regular beats **2.00 News** and weather followed by brass instruments of the orchestra.
2.20 Your Life in Their Hands. Teenager Jackie Rees arrives at Whipps Cross Hospital with acute abdominal pains (r).
3.00 News and weather followed by **Wild World: Forest in the Clouds.** Disappearing tropical forests (r).
3.50 News and weather.
4.00 It's My Pleasure. Wendy Richard talks to Desmond Lynam about her favourite television memories.
4.35 Special Place, Special People. A portrait of Condover Hall, Shropshire, a school for blind and multi-handicapped children (first shown on BBC Midlands).
5.05 My Music (r). **5.30 Vintage Floyd.** Keith Floyd prepares bouillabaisse in Newlyn (r).
6.00 Battlestar Galactica.
6.50 Cover to Cover includes Eric Newby discussing his bicycling book *Round Ireland in Low Gear with Jill Ireland, Kathy Acker,* Norman Stone and Tom Vernon.
7.20 Thinking Aloud. Paul Johnson, David Leigh, David Montgomery and Desmond Wilcox talk about media ethics.
8.00 Call My Bluff. Arthur Marshall is joined by Marion Montgomery and Tim Brooke-Taylor; Frank Muir by Sheila Gish and Denis Lawson.
8.30 Top Gear includes photographer David Bailey directing his first car commercial.
9.00 Alas Smith and Jones. Starring Mel and Griff. (Ceefax)
9.30 40 Minutes: Love at First Sight. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.10 It's Garry Shandling's Show. Comedy series from America.
10.40 Newsnight 11.25 Weather.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 Business Daily. Business and financial news service presented by Susannah Simons.
12.30 Just 4 Fun: Storybook Classics. Rudyard Kipling's *How the Rhinoceros Got Its Skin* and *How the Camel Got Its Hump.*
1.00 Circuit Training. Part four of the Open College series on electronics. (Oracle)
1.30 How to Survive the 9 to 5. An Open College series on the causes of stress in working life (r). (Oracle)
2.00 Their Lordships' House (r).
2.15 Film: Elstree Calling (1930, b/w) Vintage musical comedy revue compered by Tommy Handley. Among the film's five directors is Alfred Hitchcock.
3.50 Film: Terminus (1960, b/w). A day in the life of London's Waterloo Station as seen through the eyes of John Schlesinger.
4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger is Bill Hardwick from Sutton Coldfield.
5.00 *Film: Sitting Pretty* (1948, b/w) starring Clifton Webb. Domestic comedy about a pompous, self-styled genius who is hired to look after three obnoxious children. Directed by Walter Lang.
6.30 The Sharp End. Magazine series dealing with matters connected with the workplace.
7.00 Channel 4 News.
7.50 Comment from Dr Henri Stellman followed by **Weather.**
8.00 Equinox: Can Britain Make It? A documentary about the history of the fitted kitchen in Britain. (Oracle)
9.00 Film: Send Me No Flowers (1964) starring Rock Hudson, Doris Day and Clint Walker. Comedy about a man who believes he has only months to live and begins looking for a new husband for his wife. Directed by Norman Jewison.
10.50 The Aids Show. A film documentary of a stage show presented in 1984 by San Francisco's Theatre Rhinoceros dealing with the disease in a positive way.
12.00 Their Lordships' House.
12.15 The World Cup of Golf. The first of three nights coverage from the Kapalua Course, Hawaii. Ends at **2.15.**

Cupid's sitting targets

TELEVISION CHOICE

Adonis and his Elizabeth: the Longfords, as they were in 1927. Love at First Sight, BBC2, 9.30pm

● Elizabeth first glimpsed her Adonis at a student ball in Oxford in the 1920s. He was asleep in a chair and she was immediately captivated by his marvellous profile and golden curls. The next evening, she saw him again, this time asleep on a sofa. She crept up, leant over and planted a kiss on his forehead. The future Lord Longford opened his eyes and said, mysteriously, "I would like to kiss you, but I can't". The romance of the Longfords is one of five which illustrate the theme of **Love at First Sight** (BBC2, 9.30pm), a film by Ruth Jackson for the *40 Minutes* series. The couples make a nice contrast, in age, temperament and intensity of passion. Val was first smitten with Dave when she was 11 and he was 12. She managed to plant a kiss but he played hard to get, and even now, approaching their silver wedding anniversary, the most sparkling tribute he can muster is that "she's not the grotty little bird she was". For Harold and Elsie, it is second time around. They first met in 1946. Elsie's legs turned to jelly when she saw him but she was already married – to his brother. Forty years on and widowed, Elsie awaits Harold's arrival from Australia, hoping that Cupid will strike again. Henrietta, a niece of Virginia Woolf, and John, had a Brief Encounter on a train journey. Deciding, because he was married, never to meet again, they came together years later after he read a feature about her in *The Times*. Embellished with appropriate music, from Rachmaninov to Vera Lynn, these romances have a warm and endearing soppiness though there is a sting in the programme's tail which it would be caddish to reveal.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight.
5.30 Adrian John. **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show. **9.30** Simon Bates. **12.30** Newsbeat (Lesley Curwen) **12.45** Gary Davies. **3.00** Steve Wright. **5.30** Newsbeat. **5.45** Bruno Brookes. **7.30** Janice Long. **9.00** The Sex Gang. **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2. **4.00am** As Radio 2. **10.00pm** As Radio 1. **12.00-4.00** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (Medium Wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1).
News on the hour. Sports Round-Up **8.40am. 4.00** Colin Berry. **5.30** Ray Moore. **7.30** Derek Jameson. **9.30** Ken Bruce. **11.00** Angela Rippon. **1.05pm** David Jacobs. **2.00** Gloria Hunniford. **2.30** Adrian Love. **5.05** John Dunn. **7.00** Country Club. **9.00** Paul Jones with Rhythm and Blues. **10.00** The News Huddlines. **10.30** Star Sound Cinema. **11.00** Round Midnight. **1.00** Nightride. **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times are given in GMT
6.00am Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-four Hours **7.30** A Drop of the Irish **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Country Style **8.30** John Peel **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Training for Tomorrow **10.00** News **10.01** Assignment **10.30** Don't Stop Now, it's Fundamon **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** New Ideas **11.25** A Letter from England **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 2 - Top Twenty **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours **1.15** Network UK **1.45** Dave Gelly's Songbook **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Write On – **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** The Pleasure's Yours **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Assignment **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** A Letter from England **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heure Africaine **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-four Hours **8.30** Meridian **9.00** News **9.01** Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** A Letter from England **10.30** Financial News **10.45** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Merchant Navy Programme **11.30** Verse **11.45** Farming World **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Music Now **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Dave Gelly's Songbook **1.45** Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man **2.00** News **2.09** Review of British Press **2.15** Tech Talk **2.30** Citizens **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Vintage Chart Show **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today

Radio 3

6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Bach (Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue in D minor, BWV 903: Andras Schiff, piano). Rameau (Les Boreades suite: Orchestra of the 18th Century under Frans Bruggen). Wolf (Italian Serenade: Musikverein Quartet)
8.00 News bulletin
8.05 Concert (continued): Haydn (Symphony No 48: Orpheus Chamber Orchestra). Frescobaldi (Aria detta la Fresobalda, 1627: Robert Woolley, virginals). Shostakovich (Three violin duets: Zukerman, violin, with Samuel Sanders, piano). Ravel orchestration of Debussy's Sarabande et danse: Concertgebouw Orchestra under Riccardo Chailly)
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Liszt. Arrangements of Cantico del Sol di San Francesco d'Assisi (Walton Gronnos, baritone, with RIAS Chamber Chorus and Berlin RSO under Albrecht). Verdi's Salve Maria de Jerusalem (Claudio Arrau, piano). Evocation a la Chapelle Sixtine, by Allegri/Mozart (Zsigmond Szathmary, organ). Also, Nicolai's Kirchliche Feet-Ouverture uber den Choral Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (Peter Planyavsky, organ)
10.00 Dohnanyi: The composer at the piano, with RPO under Boult. Variations on a Hungarian theme Op 29; Suite in the olden style, Op 24; and Piano Concerto No 2
10.55 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC. Presented by Ian McDougall
11.15 Vienna Philharmonic, under Christoph von Dohnanyi. With Andras Schiff (piano). Ruggles (Men and mountains, 1941), Dvorak (Piano Concerto in G minor), Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 5). Interval reading at **12.05**
1.00 News bulletin
1.05 Bristol Concert: Lontano, under Odaline de la Martinez, with Linda Hirst (mezzo, and speaker). Ravel (Chansons madécasses), Paul Patterson (Suite for solo cello), Boulez reconstruction of Debussy's Chansons de bilitis
2.00 Die Feen (the fairies): Wagner's three-act opera. Sung in German. Wolfgang Sawallisch conducts Bavarian Radio Chorus and SO. Cast includes Karl Lovaas, Krisztina Laki, Jan-Hendrik Rootering, Roland Hermann, Norbert Orth, John Alexander, Linda Esther Gray, June Anderson and Friedrich Lenz
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Mainly for Pleasure: Geoffrey Norris presents a programme of recorded music
6.25 Bandstand: John Foster Black Dyke Mills Band under Peter Parkes play Michael Ball's Frontier, and Philip Sparke's Harmony music **6.55** News bulletin
7.00 A Left-Handed Legacy: first of a new series of performances by pianists using only one hand at the keyboard. John Ogdon plays Scriabin's Prelude and nocturne in D flat, Op 9; and Peter Rosel, with Dresden Staatskapelle under Kempe plays Strauss's Parergon zur Symphonia domestica
7.30 York Early Music Festival: Vivaldi and Venice. Academy of Ancient Music, with Lynne Dawson (soprano). Vivaldi (Concerti Op 3, L'estro armonico. Nos. 4, 6, and 2, including the cantata In furore iustissimae irae. Also Concerti Op 3, L'estro armonico, nos 9 and 10, including the cantata Nulla in mundo pax sincera). At **8.10**, Dr Nicholas Davidson of the University of Leicester talks about charitable institutions in Venice. They include the Pietà
9.00 Hang Up: Anton Lesser and Juliet Stevenson in Anthony Minghella's ballet score for radio. Written for London Contemporary Dance Theatre (see Choice)
9.20 Guitar Music: Victor Monje with Miguel Rivera in a programme of flamenco music
10.05 Music in our Time: Malcolm Singer introduces a programme of works by Franco Donatoni. They are: Ali, 1977 (Aldo Bennici, viola), Refrain, 1986; Le Ruisseau sur l'escalier (Alexander Baillie, cello, with Music Projects/London under Richard Bernas), and Duo pour Bruno (Finnish Radio SO under Leif Segerstam)
11.20 First Night: the new production of Orion's Loot at the Royal Exchange, Manchester, is reviewed by Christopher Bigsby
11.30 Late Beethoven: Daniel Barenboim (piano) plays the Piano Sonata in E major, Op 109
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

Warren Mitchell, Pamela Cundell: BBC1, 8.30pm

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 5.35-7.00 Time and Place 12.00-12.05am News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00 Dateline 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm-6.00 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Masterteam 87 8.30-9.00 Spotlight 12.00-12.05am News and weather ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazine

BBC2 WALES: 2.30pm-3.35 Mastermeam 87 SCOTLAND: 4.35pm-5.05 Landscapes

ANGLIA As London except:12.50pm News 1.00-2.00 Outsiders 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 7.00-8.00 Murder, She Wrote 10.30 Cambridge Folk Festival 11.00 Kojak 12.00 Donahue 1.00pm The Forum Presents 2.00-2.30 Cover Story 5.00 Once Upon A Time...Man 5.30 Easy Street 6.00 Closedown.

BORDER As London except:12.50pm News 1.00-2.00 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 3.00 Clegg's People 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 Lookaround 10.30 Magnum 11.30 Matthew Brown Pool Classic 12.30am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:12.00-12.30pm The Young Doctors 12.50 News 1.00-2.00 Love Boat 6.00-6.35 News 10.35 Central Lobby 11.05 Sportsworld 12.00 Film: Julia 2.10am Dateline Thursday 3.10 News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:12.00-12.30pm The Young Doctors 12.50 News 1.00 Farmhouse Kitchen 1.30 A Country Practice 2.00-2.30 The Sullivans 3.00-3.30 Children's Play 6.00 Channel Report 6.30-6.35 Home Cookery 10.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.30 Party with the Rovers 12.00 Industry Year 12.05am The Baron 1.00 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except:12.50pm News 1.00-2.00 Love Boat 3.00 Sons and Daughters 3.30 The Smurfs 3.45-4.00 Trang Trang 6.00-6.35 North Tonight 7.00-7.30 Take the High Road 10.30 America's Top Ten 11.00 Crann Tara 11.30 Oi 12.30am News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:12.50pm Granada Reports 1.00-2.00 Country Practice 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25 This is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 10.30 New North 11.00 9 to 5 11.30 Bill King Live at Nick's 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except:12.50pm News 1.00-1.55 Country Practice 6.00-6.35 News 10.30 West This Week 11.10 Weekend Outlook 11.15 Scene 87 11.45 Hunter 12.45am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six 10.30 Wales This Week 11.15 Artists of Wales 11.45-12.45am Hunter.

SCOTTISH As London except:12.50pm News 1.00-2.00 Country Practice 3.00 Human Factor 3.30-4.30 That's The Law 6.00-6.35 Scotland Today 7.00-7.30 Take the High Road 10.30 Scottish Questions 11.15 America's Top Ten 11.45 Late Call 11.50 Crann Tara 12.25am Closedown.

TSW As London except:12.50pm News 1.00-2.00 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 6.00 Today 6.25 Survival of the Fittest 6.55 Talewiews 7.05-7.30 Easy Street 10.30 Prisoner Cell Block H 11.30 The Forum Presents 12.25am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except:12.00-12.30pm The Young Doctors 12.50 News 1.00 Farmhouse Kitchen 1.30 Country Practice 2.00-2.30 The Sullivans 3.00-3.30 Child's Play 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast 10.30 Prisoner Cell Block H 11.30 Agenda 12.00 Employment Action! 12.05am The Baron 1.00 Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:12.50pm News 1.00-1.55 The Outsiders 6.00-6.35 Northern Life 10.32 First Edition 11.00 Murder, She Wrote 12.00 Gardens for Amateurs, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except:12.50pm Newstime 1.00 Short Story Theatre 1.30-3.00 Out of Town 3.30-4.00 Bygones 6.00 Six Tonight 6.25-6.35 Police Six 10.30 Counterpoint 11.00 Finding Fax Future 12.00 Easy Street 12.25am Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.00-12.30pm Lunchtime Live 12.50 News 1.00-2.00 Carson's Law 6.00-6.35 Calendar 10.30 Jimmy's 11.30 Hunter 12.30am Film: The Rose 2.30 Jobfinder 3.30 Closedown.

S4C Starts:5.30pm Schools 12.00 Business Daily 12.30pm Countdown 1.00 Open College 2.00 Film: Bride of New York" 3.30 Mumsnare' 4.00 Fflasiwch 4.15 Sam Tan 4.25 Hafoc 6.00 Stati 6.30 I Dream of Jeannie 6.00 Brookside 6.30 Moneyspinner 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Codi Pais 8.00 Ffermio 8.35 Sioe 9.35 Hill Street Blues 10.30 Demon and Debbie 11.30 Lonoi 12.15am World Cup of Golf 2.15 Closedown.

Radio 4

LW (Long Wave) (s) Stereo on VHF.
5.55 Shipping. **6.00** News Briefing; Weather. **6.10** Farming. **6.25** Prayer.
6.30 Today, incl. **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News. **6.45** Business News. **6.55, 7.55** Weather. **7.00, 8.00** News. **7.25, 8.25** Sport. **7.45** Thought for the Day. **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament. **8.57** Weather. Travel.
9.00 News. **9.05** Punters: An opportunity for members of the public to make their own investigative radio programme. With Susan Marling and Nigel Farrell
9.45 An Infamous Address: Five programmes which revisit the scenes of past celebrated crimes, scandals and intrigue (3) No 7 Blythswood Square, Glasgow. Presented by Roger Wilkes
10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Fergus Keeling reports on the latest wildlife news.
10.45 An Act of Worship (s).
11.00 News; Travel; Citizens.
11.25 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor talks to Dr John Habgood, Archbishop of York about his life and work.
11.50 African Encounters: Ferdi Dennis gives a series of five talks about his visit to Africa (4) Harare.
12.00 News; You and Yours presented by John Howard.
12.25 Dial M for Pizza: (new series) Comedy sketch series with Robert Bathurst, Brenda Blethyn, Mike Grady and Jonathan Kydd (r) (s).
1.00 The World at One.
1.40 The Archers. **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: with Jenni Murray. Alice King, wine expert, creates Christmas cocktails for Su Pollard, Edwina Currie, Fatima Whitbread, Erica Jong, Betty Jackson, and Suzie Quattro
3.00 News; Play: Short on Waste: by David Blair. With Billy McColl and Leonard O'Malley. A tale of a sentimental journey back to steam railway days (see Choice) (s).
4.00 News. **4.05** Bookshelf: Nigel Forde presents Radio 4's good books programme.
4.35 Kaleidoscope: a second chance to hear last night's edition, which included items on Don't Tread on Me; the selected letters of S.J. Perelman; and J.J. Farr, at the Phoenix Theatre (r)
5.00 PM. **5.50** Shipping.
6.00 News, incl Financial Report.
6.30 My Music: Steve Race chairs the musical panel game played by John Amis, Frank Muir, Ian Wallace, and Denis Norden (s).
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Any Answers? A chance to air your views on some of the subjects raised in last week's Any Questions?. Introduced by Derek Jones.
7.30 Wildlife Encore: The Long Dark Journey Back. The life story of the common eel by Paul Thomas, with Andrew Sachs, Barry Paine and Deborah-Jane Sharpe (r) (s).
8.15 Analysis: Discussion on the changes being made in the Soviet Union and how they will affect the West. Chaired by Ian Davidson.
9.00 Does He Take Sugar?: A magazine of special interest to the disabled.
9.30 Andy Kershaw in the BBC Sound Archives.
9.45 Kaleidoscope: presented by Natalie Wheen. Items include Glass of the Caesars, at the British Museum; the ENO production of The Barber of Seville; and the book Women of the Left Bank: Paris 1900-40
10.15 A Graham Greene Anthology: The End of the Affair (4) (s). The readers are Kika Markham and Julian Glover
10.30 The World Tonight.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News; Weather.
VHF as above except: **9.05-10.45am** For Schools. **9.05** Preview. **9.10** Together – An Assembley for Schools. **9.30** Living Language. **9.50** First Steps in Drama. **10.10** Something to Think About. **10.20** Discovery: Treasure. **10.30** Talkwaves. **11.00-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Teachers' Talk. **11.05** In the News. **11.30** Stories from Our Street. **11.50** Listening and Reading. **1.55-3.00** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner. **2.05** Looking at Nature. **2.20** Let's Make a Story! **2.30** Pictures in Your Mind (Music). **2.40** Listen! **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time. A-Level French: Voix de France (Literature) (1) Balzac, Verlaine.

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RADIO CHOICE

Juliet Stevenson: R3, 9pm

● With Anthony Minghella's **Hang Up** (Radio 3, 9.00pm), the proliferation of hybrid genres (film of the book, book of the film, play of the film, film of the play, etc) has taken an interesting new turn because here is the play of the ballet. These two telephone conversations between lovers whose relationship stands at the crossroads, will displace music when London Contemporary Dance Theatre give the London premiere of *Hang Up* at Sadler's Wells next Tuesday. It ought to work out very well indeed because Minghella's script is liberally punctuated by the spaces between words (pregnant pauses is the useful *cliché* that makes the point), and this should give the dancers plenty of scope to add wings to the spoken thoughts of the long-distance lovers (Juliet Stevenson and Anton Lesser, whose every intake of breath is significantly calculated). Their crisis gradually reveals itself to be much more complex than a telephonic tiff.

● There are sobering conclusions about social and military upheavals in contemporary Britain to be found in David Blair's play **Short on Waste** (Radio 4, 3.00pm) if you can only hack your way through the thick Scots undergrowth.

Peter Davalle

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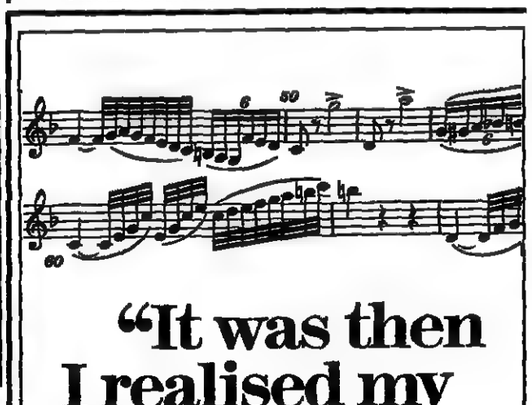

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Hostel site has Avebury turning in its circles

Mr Ashley, outside his transport cafe at Avebury, holding an artist's impression of the 'prehistoric funeral building' hostel that he wants to build (Photographs: Nick Rogers).

By Andrew Morgan

Archeologists living and studying near the Avebury stone circles in Wiltshire have set up rival camps over development plans for a hostel on the nearby Overton Hill.

Man has been in the area for more than 6,000 years, creating such wonders as Silbury Hill, Windmill Hill and West Kennet long barrow, but rarely have there been such divisions as that caused by the plans to demolish a humble transport cafe and replace it with bedrooms and an interpretation centre.

Behind the scheme, on a site next to The Sanctuary on Overton Hill, are Mr Brian Ashley, a former history and physical education teacher at Marlborough College, and his wife, Cathy. They bought the cafe last month with the idea of demolishing it to make way for three conical modules, one 40ft high, shaped like prehistoric funeral buildings.

Not even a prehistoric soothsayer could have anticipated the depths of division as Avebury's academics delivered speeches of praise and condemnation as details of the buildings emerged.

The issue has proved so sensitive that Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, has called in the planning papers and told Kennet District Council that no approval can be given without reference to himself.

Leading the opposition are Dr Isabel Smith, who published the work of Alexander Keiller on Avebury in 1965, and Dr Don Brothwell, a reader at the Institute of Archeology in London who says: "Avebury is largely unspoilt and this would ruin the entire area".

Mr Michael Sullivan, the architect, admits that the design form might seem "foreign" to the modern eye but he says it is in keeping with the area's heritage and sympathetically caps Overton Hill.

Dr Brothwell disagrees:

"The present cafe is small and relatively unobtrusive but the new hostel will obscure some fine views of both the West and East Kennet long barrows and will impinge on the entire area".

He says there are enough museums in the area, notably the Keiller Museum in Avebury and the Devizes Museum, one of the finest in the country. "God knows what will happen if this is allowed. This area, one of the greatest treasures in Europe, could be over-run by people trying to make money from our heritage."

Kennet District Council has received protest letters from Professor Barry Cunliffe, professor of archeology at Oxford University, and Professor Charles Thomas at Exeter University. Professor John Evans, director of the Institute of Archeology, has written to Mr Ridley.

However, in Avebury, another academic, Mr Peter Johnson, a member of the Roman Research Trust, believes the scheme is perfect for the area. "The buildings will echo the shape of Silbury Hill, which is older than the pyramids.

Mr Ashley pondering his plan yesterday among the ancient stone circles near his hostel site

"It will not be intrusive but a bold and confident building. We need new buildings to pass down to future generations and not just pickled old ones. This will be a valuable educational asset."

Tourist boards have also been enthusiastic. Mr Alan Pratt, development officer for the West Country Tourist Board, said that the presence of short-term facilities would richly enhance the tourism economy of the area.

Mr Ashley said: "This site has one of the finest prehistoric views in Europe and we bought it to save the site and make developments which the area deserved.

"We knew that transport cafes were being bought up all over the country and it could so easily have waterslides and plastic elephants. We're not in this for the money but it will have to pay its way.

"People talk of desecration but the transport cafe is an eyesore. Sometimes, it's impossible even to see The Sanctuary, which is just across the road, with all the lorries. Views from the new buildings will give a wide panorama of the prehistory of the area.

"All those ancient monuments were meant to be seen, not hidden. It would be a shame if the present generation were afraid to build on top of hills."

Commons sketch

A whisper away from a witticism

It is often put about by less seemly commentators that Sir Geoffrey Howe is in some sense dull. This may well be a gross calumny.

His occasional appearances in the House of Commons are characterized by a quietness that would be extreme in the most soft-spoken Cistercian.

His answers are whispered so silently that, were a pin to drop, they would be thoroughly drowned. Alas, the only pins the Opposition drop as he whispers away are those from verbal hand-grenades, and the consequent explosions obliterate any message he might wish to convey.

"The party opposite" he murmured in reply to fierce condemnation over something-or-other, "has been described by (unintelligible) as (unintelligible)".

Now, this may have been the least dull, and wittiest riposte ever delivered in the Chamber, but we shall never know.

As it is, one must be thankful Sir Geoffrey never pursued plans to top the bill with a series of rib-ticklers at the Glasgow Empire on a Saturday night, and that he preferred instead to channel his life's energies towards the less rowdy atmosphere of the higher echelons of the Foreign Office.

Gentleman Geoff and his Wonderful Whisper was followed by Raucous "Tim" Renton, the Secretary of State for the Home Department, a case of the hush before the storm.

Mr Renton had been asked to make a statement on the decision to remove a Mr Frank Larsen from the United Kingdom. It emerged that Mr Frank Larsen was not in fact Mr Frank Larsen, nor Mr John William Pearson Lewes Parker, as he had once claimed, but Mr Viggo Johan Oerbak. Quite who Mr Viggo Johan Oerbak was, no-one could quite say, but since he had just been returned to Oslo, perhaps it didn't matter.

Oh yes it did, thought the Labour backbenches. Mr David Winnick (Walsall North) declared that Mr Viggo Johan Oerbak was "undoubtedly involved with the South African Security Services", though a swift glance at his final choice of name suggests that it is as likely that he was undoubtedly involved, at one time or another, in a particularly onerous game of Scrabble.

Mr Renton pooh-poohed the very idea of any South African involvement. Mr V.J.Oerbak was "a clear-cut case of an illegal entrant" and the Hon Gentleman was "engaged in a wild goose chase which does him no credit at all". Only when Mr John Carlisle, notorious secretary of the British-South Africa Parliamentary Group, sprang to Mr Renton's defence did the Government's case begin to seem shaky.

For the second day running, Mr Norman Fowler took to the floor. In his ministerial performances Mr Fowler endeavours to exude thrust, push, drive and go. Those who have closely examined his stance at the dispatch box are now convinced that he gained these four attributes from a misspent youth in front of too many pin-ball machines.

He thrusts his body back and forward, both hands banging on the sides of the dispatch box, one leg in front of the other, and, as he gathers pace, his face becomes tense and excitable, his eyes ablaze with the prospect of a Triple Extra Bonus.

Around the pinball wizard, the thugs began to gather. Mr Fowler had been introducing a new training programme, abhorrent to the Opposition, not nearly abhorrent enough to Mr Antony Marlow (Cons, Northampton North), beside whom Mr Norman Tebbit might be mistaken for Miss Florence Nightingale. "The training scheme many people need is a well-placed boot up the backside", he cackled.

The Speaker criticized him for inelegant language. "Tell him to withdraw it", shouted the Opposition. "I didn't say it was unparliamentary, I merely said it was inelegant", replied the Speaker. Instead he punished Mr Marlow by calling Mr Skinner, who dutifully shouted about "The Member from the Goose-Stepping Tendency", and much else besides. By now, the gentle hush of Sir Geoffrey seemed a million miles away.

Craig Brown

BBC to look outside for Grade's replacement

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

The BBC will look outside the corporation for a successor to Mr Michael Grade after his unexpected decision to join Channel 4, it emerged last night.

In contrast to past practice, BBC chiefs do not intend to reshuffle the existing board of management. That rules out Mr John Tusa, the widely admired broadcaster in charge of external services who had been tipped as a possible replacement.

Many of the key management figures are recent appointments with distinct remits to fulfil. It is therefore felt a fresh bout of job swapping would send out the wrong signals.

Instead the search is likely to concentrate on tempting one of the programme directors and controllers from an ITV company, such as Greg Dyke of London Weekend, David Elstein of Thames, Andy Allan from Central, Steve Morrison from Granada or John Fairley from Yorkshire. Another option could be a force in the independent production sector.

The BBC Board of Governors will discuss the Grade departure when it meets today and start the process of finding a replacement.. Mr Grade, director of programmes at BBC TV, was due to have taken over as managing director of network television on the retirement of Mr Bill Cotton next spring.

Mr Cotton has not been asked so far to delay his retirement until a successor has been chosen, and it appears unlikely he will receive such a request.

While Mr Michael Checkland, the BBC's director general, was said yesterday to be "relaxed" about Mr Grade's move, Mr Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the governors, is believed to feel annoyed and personally let down by the manner in which Mr Grade behaved.

Mr Hussey considers that Mr Grade, as a senior manager in the corporation with a large number of staff under him, had special responsibilities. Rather than suddenly resign he should have gone through the correct processes.

Mr Grade was angered when Mr John Birt, the deputy director general, insisted on sitting on the appointments board which recently selected the new controllers of BBC1 and BBC2. The pair also disagreed over the screening of an interview by David Frost with President Reagan.

After Mr Birt's arrival, Mr Grade lost control of news and current affairs and regional television.

One BBC source said of Mr Grade's new role: "Michael thrives on competition and beating the hell out of the opposition. I can't see him enjoying something that is boring — or as he would put it — Birt like."

It was even being suggested that Mr Grade is unlikely to complete his five-year contract and will, instead, form a consortium in time to make a bid for one of the ITV franchises, probably LWT's, when they are offered in 1991.

Pro-Yeltsin militancy grows

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Soviet Communist Party is facing the most serious challenge to its authority since Mr Mikhail Gorbachov became leader, with the militant protest movement that has emerged since the sacking last week of his former protégé, Mr Boris Yeltsin.

Anger at the centrally imposed secrecy on the speech delivered by Mr Yeltsin on October 21, which prompted his dismissal as head of the capital's party, has united left-wing activists from newly-formed unofficial groups with ordinary Muscovites.

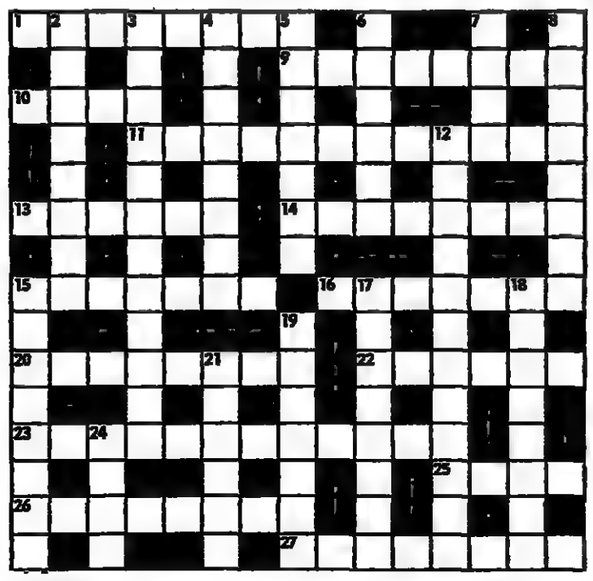
In an exclusive interview with *The Times* yesterday, one of three ringleaders of the pro-Yeltsin campaign, Mr Boris Kagalitsky, a former political prisoner, disclosed that militant protests had spread to hundreds of students at two leading Soviet educational institutions, Moscow State University and the Lenin Pedagogical Institute.

On Tuesday, members of the university humanities department attempted to hold an outdoor rally in support of Mr Yeltsin, but were banned by the militia. The demonstration was then staged inside, and leaders claimed more than 300 signatures on a petition demanding "*glasnost* and justice" for the deposed Mr Yeltsin.

At the institute, where Mrs Raisa Gorbachov once taught, Mr Kagalitsky claimed that a meeting called by the administration to condemn the activities of "Community", one of the new groups, turned the tables on the organizers and showed overwhelming support for a counter-motion backing Mr Yeltsin.

Mr Kagalitsky told me that, despite KGB harassment, the organizers were again demanding the right to stage a mass pro-Yeltsin rally in Moscow. The first was barred on November 12.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE No 17,518



ACROSS

1 Standard European support for showing one's colours (4-4).
9 Means of escape once used by archers (8).
10 First characters in Japanese university to practise unarmed combat (4).
11 Political candidate who is a shop-lifter? (6-6).
13 Old boy returned fixed look before summer-house (6).
14 Fat round pig in port (8).
15 Dishonest bookie more like a Celt? (7).
16 Articles for forthcoming issue, overdue but accepted (7).
20 Snake concealed in battered piano (8).
22 Transgress, and find a mission (6).
23 Cave-man disposed to sleep around Sligo, perhaps? (12).
25 Slope of a canvas awning (4).
26 When one is white, it's more trouble than it's worth in Africa or India (8).
27 She turns out to be Diana (8).

DOWN

2 The French river-goddess honoured with a crown (8).
3 Music-maker sleeping badly without a safeguard against burglars (12).
4 Partial to public unity (8).
5 Ageing leftist upset many in a cathedral city (7).
6 Student leaves iced drink for Australian friend (6).
7 Tedious old character on the staff (4).
8 Importune Barnaby to show dissatisfaction (8).
12 Tourist smashed goblet — the cad! (5-7).
15 Quiet daughter first courted outside the log store (8).
17 Statesman noted in Paris? (8).
18 Sultan at assembly — one unable to have a drink (8).
19 Graceless old stranger in Scotland has hut vandalized (7).
21 Map feature thus observed in Island pub (6).
24 Vessel put in at Boulogne, we're told (4).

Concise crossword, page 12

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

GLABROUS
a. Scaly
b. Melancholy
c. Bald

SPIEGELSCHRIFT
a. A picaresque novel
b. A piece of juvenilia
c. Mirror writing

CANOSSA
a. An opening in chess
b. A grey and white beagle
c. An Italian village

PHILOPHOBIA
a. Fear of falling in love
b. Love of horror
c. A kind of succulent

DUP
a. Slang for duck-billed platypus
b. A French academic
c. A short golf tee

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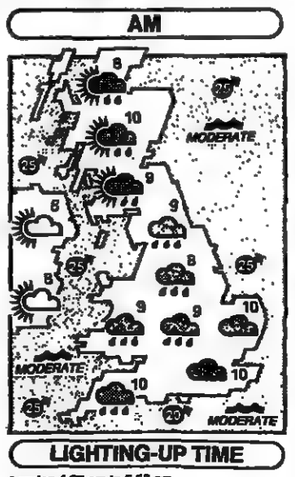
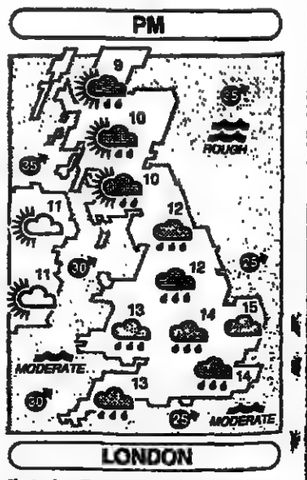
Solution to Puzzle No 17,517

WEATHER

Most of England and Wales will start dry, becoming wet later. Northern Ireland, northern England and north Wales will be dull with persistent rain in the afternoon. Northern Scotland will have a bright showery day. Central and southern Scotland will start dull with rain, becoming brighter in the afternoon. Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: bright and showery on Friday, wet on Saturday.





ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	19	66	Majorca	s	19	66
Alex'dria	f	23	73	Malaga	s	19	66
Athens	f	19	66	Malta	s	21	70
Bahrain	s	24	75	Mexico C*	f	19	66
Barbados*	c	27	81	Miami*	c	29	84
Belgrade	c	7	45	Montreal*	c	12	54
Berlin	d	9	48	Moscow	sn	1	34
Bermuda*	f	21	70	Munich	c	7	45
Brussels	c	12	54	Naples	f	16	61
B Aires*	s	30	86	N Delhi	s	27	81
Cairo	s	25	77	N York*	s	18	64
Cape Tn	f	21	70	Paris	f	13	55
Chicago*	c	11	52	Peking	s	11	52
C'phagn	f	9	48	Reykjvik	c	6	43
Corfu	s	18	64	Rhodes	f	19	66
Dublin	r	14	57	Rio de J	s	27	81
Dubrovnik	s	13	55	Riyadh	s	26	79
Florence	s	13	55	Salzburg	r	6	43
Frankfurt	c	11	52	Santiago*	c	27	81
Funchal	s	21	70	S Paulo*	f	29	84
Geneva	s	11	52	Seoul	r	11	52
Gibraltar	f	17	63	Sing'por	f	31	88
Helsinki	r	2	36	St'kholm	c	3	37
Hong K	c	25	77	Strasb'rg	c	10	50
Innsbruck	r	5	41	Sydney	s	24	75
Istanbul	c	13	55	Tangier	f	20	68
Jeddah	s	35	95	Tel Aviv	s	25	77
Jo'burg*	s	27	81	Tokyo	s	16	61
Karachi	s	30	86	Toronto*	r	14	57
L Palmas	s	23	73	Tunis	c	19	66
Lisbon	s	17	63	Venice	s	10	50
Locarno	s	13	55	Vienna	s	9	48
L Angeles*	f	16	61	Wash'ton*	c	19	66
Luxembg	c	9	48	Wel'ngton	f	11	52
Madrid	s	15	59	Zurich	c	10	50

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Bridlington	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Lowestoft	1.5	-	11	52	bright
Clacton	2.0	-	12	54	bright
Southend	2.1	-	13	55	cloudy
Margate	-	-	13	55	sunny
Folkestone	1.8	-	13	55	cloudy
Hastings	2.6	-	14	57	bright
Brighton	0.1	-	12	54	dull
Worthing	2.0	-	13	55	bright
Littlehmptn	1.1	-	13	55	bright
Bognor R	1.7	-	13	55	bright
Southsea	0.6	-	13	55	cloudy
Shanklin	-	-	13	55	bright
Bournemouth	0.5	-	13	55	cloudy
Swanage	0.5	-	13	55	cloudy
Weymouth	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Falmouth	1.0	-	13	55	cloudy
Penzance	0.9	.01	14	57	dull
Scilly Isles	0.6	-	13	55	bright
Newquay	0.6	-	14	57	cloudy
Ilfracombe	-	-	14	57	cloudy
Minehead	0.1	-	14	57	cloudy
Morecambe	-	.28	13	55	rain
Douglas	-	.27	12	54	rain
Carlisle	-	.21	15	59	rain
Nottingham	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Anglesey	-	.32	13	55	rain
Colwyn Bay	-	.02	14	57	rain
Tenby	-	.02	13	55	dull
Aberdeen	-	.15	13	55	rain
Aviemore	-	.15	13	55	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	.59	11	52	rain
Kinloss	-	.05	15	59	rain
Lerwick	-	.35	11	52	rain
Prestwick	-	.28	13	55	rain
Stornoway	-	.26	12	54	rain
Wick	-	.23	13	55	rain

* Denotes figures not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	—	—	12.11	6.5
Aberdeen	11.56	3.9	11.58	4.1
Avonmouth	5.22	11.8	5.39	12.3
Belfast	9.27	3.1	9.35	3.4
Cardiff	5.7	10.9	5.24	11.4
Devonport	3.55	5.1	4.9	5.3
Dover	9.14	6.3	9.35	6.2
Falmouth	3.25	4.9	3.39	5.1
Glasgow	11.18	4.3	11.14	4.7
Harwich	10.3	3.8	10.34	3.9
Holyhead	8.42	5.2	8.54	5.3
Hull	4.27	6.8	4.57	6.9
Ilfracombe	4.16	8.3	4.31	8.6
Leith	12.36	5.0	1.5	5.2
Liverpool	8.34	8.7	9.48	8.9
Lowestoft	7.27	2.4	8.20	2.3
Margate	10.12	4.5	10.45	4.6
Milford Haven	4.31	6.3	4.47	6.6
Newquay	3.25	6.4	3.40	6.6
Oban	4.17	3.7	4.15	3.9
Penzance	2.58	5.2	3.11	5.4
Portland	5.14	2.0	5.19	2.1
Portsmouth	9.44	4.5	10.2	4.5
Shoreham	9.25	5.8	9.44	5.8
Southampton	9.24	4.3	9.41	4.2
Swansea	4.34	8.7	4.48	9.0
Tees	1.44	5.0	2.15	5.1
Wltn-on-Nze	10.0	4.0	10.30	4.1

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.60	2.48
Austria Sch	21.80	20.70
Belgium Fr	65.05	61.85
Canada $	2.41	2.29
Denmark Kr	11.85	11.25
Finland Mkk	7.63	7.23
France Fr	10.46	9.95
Germany Dm	3.16	2.94
Greece Dr	285	255
Hong Kong $	14.15	13.45
Ireland Pt	1.155	1.106
Italy Lira	2265	2155
Japan Yen	250	238
Netherlands Gld	3.48	3.31
Norway Kr	11.83	11.18
Portugal Esc	251.50	236.50
South Africa Rd	4.49	3.70
Spain Pta	208	197
Sweden Kr	11.15	10.60
Switzerland Fr	2.53	2.41
USA $	1.84	1.75
Yugoslavia Dnr	3300	2600

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 162.9 (October)

London: The *FT* index closed down 1.3 at 1309.3.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.37 pm to 6.56 am
Bristol 4.47 pm to 7.06 am
Edinburgh 4.30 pm to 7.28 am
Manchester 4.37 pm to 7.13 am
Penzance 5.04 pm to 7.12 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	r	13	55	Guernsey	s	13	55
B'ham	f	11	52	Inverness	r	13	55
Blackpool	c	13	55	Jersey	c	13	55
Bristol	f	12	54	London	s	12	54
Cardiff	f	12	54	Manchester	f	12	54
Edinburgh	c	14	57	Newcastle	c	14	57
Glasgow	r	13	55	P'ndoway	c	12	54

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 6 am,8C (46F) Humidity: 6 pm, 82 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.4 hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1031.5 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

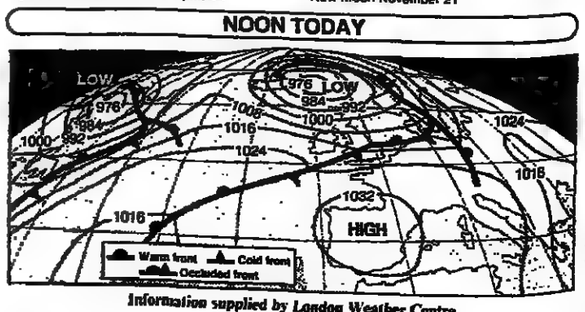
HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 0.32in; highest sunshine: Bridlington, Humberside, 6.8 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am,8C (46F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

NOON TODAY



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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1309.3 (–1.3)

FT-SE 100
1663.7 (+3.6)

Bargains
24702 (26011)

USM (Datastream)
137.17 (–1.80)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7725 (+0.0115)

W German mark
2.9867 (+0.0027)

Trade-weighted
75.2 (+0.2)

Conran's battle may cost £4m

Storehouse's costs of warding off takeover bids could be between £3 million and £4 million, Sir Terence Conran, chairman, said yesterday. He added: "I wish people would go away, leave us alone, and let us get on with running the business."

The company announced disappointing interim results. Pretax profits for the 24 weeks to September 19 fell from £37.1 million to £35.9 million on a turnover up just 4 per cent to £481.4 million. The interim dividend will be raised from 2.3p to 2.5p.

Profits from the retail arms of BHS and Habitat both rose but Mothercare's fell from £13.5 million to £9.9 million.

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Profits leap

John Waddington, the packaging group best known as the maker of Monopoly, raised interim pretax profits by 61 per cent to £8.2 million. Sales rose 25 per cent to £82 million. The shares eased 11p to 199p after the company said trading in some markets was "not quite as bright as in the past year."

Dwek higher

Dwek Group, the consumer products manufacturer and distributor, reports pretax profits of £1.7 million for the six months to September 30 1987 compared with £1.4 million last year. The company is paying an interim dividend of 1.75p (1.5p).

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1904.18 (–18.07)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	22734.49 (+390.21)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2285.15 (–5.22)
Amsterdam: Gen	222.0 (+0.1)
Sydney: AO	1284.2 (–12.6)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	Closed
Brussels:	
General	3919.0 (+12.5)
Paris: CAC	299.7 (+1.0)
Zurich: SKA Gen	448.8 (same)
London:	
FT–A All-Share	836.09 (+0.69)
FT–"500"	921.54 (+0.64)
FT. Gold Mines	285.5 (+1.5)
FT. Fixed interest	95.64 (+0.30)
FT. Govt Secs	90.70 (–0.04)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Jessups	185p (+20p)
Wellcome	362p (+17p)
Burgess	209p (+13p)
Standard Chart.	473p (+13p)
Calor Group	395p (+17p)
Morgan Grenfell	245p (+12p)
Candover	310p (+10p)
Eucalyptus Pulp	425p (+25p)
Coates Viyella	261p (+13p)
FALLS:	
Wm Collins	625p (–25p)
Hardanger	675p (–50p)
Davy	135p (–31p)
Rank Org.	555p (–13p)
VSEL	460p (–25p)
Guinness	234p (–15p)
Henderson Admin	625p (–25p)
Boots	215p (–15p)
Prudential	822p (–12p)
DAKS Simpson 'A'	410p (–15p)
G Oliver	350p (–30p)

These are closing prices

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month Interbank 9-8¾%
3-month eligible bills: $8^{19}/_{32}$-$8^{9}/_{16}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8¾%
Federal Funds 6¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.85-5.84%*
30-year bonds $99^{5}/_{16}$-99⅞*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7725	£: $1.7710*
£: DM2.9867	$: DM1.6875*
£: SwFr2.4523	$: SwFr1.3845*
£: FFr10.1298	$: FFr5.7200*
£: Yen289.82	$: Yen135.45*
£: Index:75.2	$: Index:96.9
ECU £0.681257	SDR £0.762024

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $464.20 pm-$463.70
close $463.75-464.25 (£262.00-262.50)
New York:
Comex $463.40-463.90*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec) pm $17.25bbl ($17.53)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Guinness faces £220m payout

Appeal against Panel ruling on Distillers

By Lawrence Lever

Guinness is taking the City's Takeover Panel to the High Court over a ruling that could lead to the drinks and spirits group making an extra payment of up to £220 million to former shareholders in the Distillers drinks group.

The news sent the Guinness share price sharply lower; at one point, £193 million was wiped from its stock market capitalization as the shares plunged to 229p, their worst level this year. They recovered to 235p as sources close to Guinness estimated the maximum payout the company would have to make at £100 million.

The Panel warned former Distillers shareholders to retain all records of their share dealings around the time of the takeover bid.

Guinness has obtained leave from the High Court to bring an action for judicial review against the Panel — only the second time in the Panel's history that its decisions have been challenged in the courts.

Last year, the Court of Appeal ruled, in a case involving the McCorquodale bid for Norton Opax, that decisions of the Panel were subject to judicial review.

The dispute between Guinness and the Panel centres upon a secret investigation by the Panel in August and September this year, which focused on the controversial purchase of a key block of 10.6 million Distillers shares on April 17 last year, the day before the Guinness bid for Distillers went unconditional.

These shares were purchased from Warburg Investment Management by clients of Cazenove, the stockbroker to Guinness, at a price of 705p each — 75p above the cash alternative Guinness was offering Distillers shareholders.

The Panel ruled after a meeting on September 2 that the ultimate purchaser of these shares was acting in concert with Guinness. Under the Takeover Code, this would normally mean that Guinness would have had to increase its cash alternative by 75p a share.

Guinness is challenging the ruling on the grounds that the Panel has acted unfairly to Guinness. In particular, the company feels the Panel does not have sufficient information to justify the ruling.

"We feel that the Department of Trade inspectors will discover the true state of events and that any investigation by the Panel should wait until after their report is published," Mr Michael Julien, the Guinness finance director, said yesterday.

"This was one isolated instance in a takeover battle fought between two very aggressive parties," he added.

There appears to be a dispute between Guinness and the Panel as to who the ultimate purchasers of the 10.6 million Distillers shares were. They were believed to have been bought by clients of Bank Leu, whose chairman, Dr Arthur Fürer, was a director of Guinness at the time. Guinness is understood to challenge this version

The Panel's rulings are not legally binding, but it is highly unlikely that Guinness would disobey them.

The Panel was at pains to point out yesterday that although it had ruled that the purchaser of the Distillers shares was acting in concert with Guinness, it had not yet decided what the consequences of this would be.

Guinness has said it would consider bringing legal action against its advisers to recover any extra payment

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"Company is in a strong position to perform well in changing economic circumstances": Boots chairman Robert Gunn

$30 billion US budget deal may be still-born

From Bailey Morris, Washington

US budget negotiators said yesterday they were on the verge of announcing a compromise agreement to reduce the deficit by $30 billion. But before the details were announced, leading Republicans said they could not support it.

Mr Robert Dole, the Senate minority leader, said he did not think "many Republicans will be able to vote for it" because of "an emphasis on tax increases and defence spending cuts."

Democrats criticized the plan for failing to tackle the tough budget issues. Some House Democrats said they could not justify other spending cuts when defence spending was allowed to rise.

The dollar fell sharply in response, closing a pfennig lower at DM1.6850 in London, and falling to DM1.6835 in New York. The pound rose by more than a cent to $1.7745 in New York.

Doubts about the budget deal also hit share prices. The FT-SE 100 index, up by more than 30 points at one stage, ended the day only 3.6 points higher at 1,663.7. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 20.39 points at 1,901.86.

The compromise is likely to achieve substantially lower savings than those envisaged. It attempts to minimize political risks by avoiding the contentious issues that have caused the talks to drag on into a fourth week.

Negotiators hope to present President Reagan with a programme that will achieve $30 billion (£17 billion) in reductions by avoiding any cuts in social security benefits for the elderly, scaling back proposed tax increases to $9 billion, reducing military spending cuts to $4.9 billion and lowering the amount of spending cuts in other federal benefit programmes to $3.5 billion from a proposed $5 billion. In addition, the cuts in the deficit for the 1989 fiscal year would be scaled back to $40 billion-$45 billion from the earlier goal of $50 billion.

Weary negotiators said that when it became apparent they could not agree on an area of spending cuts, they either scaled back the proposal or moved on to the next issue. The result was a compromise that appeared to please no one, said a Senate aide.

Mr Peter Domenici, a leading Republican on the senate Budget Committee, said he believed the automatic $23 billion in spending cuts required under the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget law were better than the compromise under discussion.

"I think markets will find the $23 billion sequester plan more credible," Mr Domenici said. Mr Domenici and other negotiators said many of the alleged savings contained in the $30 billion compromise would never be realized. This would bring the deficit reduction total closer to $23 billion than $30 billion.

For example, defence spending would be cut under the automatic plan by $6 billion or $7 billion more than the $4.9 billion envisioned under the compromise agreement.

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Boots lifts profits to £120m

By Alexandra Jackson

Boots yesterday reported pretax profits for the six months to end-September up from £97.5 million to £120.1 million. These were boosted, however, by three months' £9.6 million net profits from overseas subsidiaries, which are changing their year-end.

Turnover rose 23 per cent to £1.3 billion. Adjusting for overseas companies, however, growth was 13 per cent. An interim dividend of 3.1p was declared (2.8p). Shareholders may accept shares in lieu of dividends.

In the retail division profits at trading level edged up from £42.7 million to £43 million.

The industrial division, boosted by Flint, the US group, contributed £57.8 million, up from £40.6 million last year. This excludes the three extra months of overseas subsidiaries' profits.

Mr Robert Gunn, chairman of Boots, said: "Following the major developments set in train last year, the group is in a strong position to perform well in the changing economic circumstances".

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UK still growing fast

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The British economy grew very strongly in the third quarter of this year, according to provisional estimates for gross domestic product, published yesterday.

The figures suggest that, barring a sharp setback in growth in the current quarter, the rise in GDP on the output measure this year will exceed the Chancellor's 4 per cent forecast. The data establishes 1987 as the best year for growth since 1973.

However, the other measures of GDP, based on incomes and expenditure, have shown more subdued growth in recent quarters, and are likely to pull the average back to about the 4 per cent mark.

The output-based measure of gross domestic product (GDP), generally regarded as the best short-term estimate of movements in the economy, rose by 1.6 per cent in the third quarter, compared with the previous quarter.

Its growth rate was 4.5 per cent, compared with the corresponding quarter of last year. In the first nine months of the year, GDP was 4.4 per cent up on the January-September period of 1986.

GDP

		Index	Change (%)
1986	Q1	112.0	2.3
	Q2	113.4	2.3
	Q3	114.8	3.6
	Q4	115.9	3.9
1987	Q1	117.0	4.5
	Q2	118.1	4.1
	Q3	120.0	4.5

1980=100
Source: Central Statistical Office

The non-oil parts of the economy have been making the pace this year, as North Sea oil output has slipped back. Non-oil GDP in the third quarter was 5.1 per cent up on a year earlier.

Manufacturing output rose by 2 per cent in the third quarter, compared with the second, and services output rose by 1.5 per cent. Within services, distribution was very strong, rising by 4 per cent.

Manufacturing output was up by 6 per cent, services by 5 per cent and distribution by 7.5 per cent on a year ago.

● Industry leaders yesterday reduced their forecast of growth in consumer spending next year from 3.5 to 3 per cent as a result of the stock market collapse but said that industrial investment intentions remained unaffected, Edward Townsend writes.

The Confederation of British Industry had already revised its forecast for overall economic growth in 1988 from 3.5 per cent to 2.5 per cent and Sir David Nickson, the president, said: "The situation in the equity markets will not affect this and we still expect significant growth next year."

At the monthly meeting of the CBI policy-making council, attended by about 120 company chiefs, not one member said his firm would be cutting investment plans following the fall in shares.

Sir David said: "They acknowledged that confidence about the future was bound to be fragile. They made very clear that they were looking to government on things like electricity price rises and business rates to avoid unnecessary increases in costs.

EEC steel 'free for all' likely

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

The European Economic Commission is close to ending the controversial quota system which has protected and frustrated the European steel industry and companies are now preparing for a cut-throat free-for-all in the Community steel market.

A panel of three experts set up to draft a last-ditch plan for further cuts in rolling capacity throughout the EEC has failed, according to Herr Karl-Heinz Narjes, the EEC industry commissioner. He said yesterday in Strasbourg: "Their conclusion is that the conditions we have set cannot be fulfilled. For that reason the quota system should be brought to an end."

Herr Narjes said that the EEC's offer to maintain the quota system, which protects 60 per cent of European steel output, depended entirely upon a voluntary agreement on cuts. But following the panel's failure, the industry was well aware of the implications. "We have no legal basis to refuse the normal (market) situation."

Herr Narjes said the industry, which continues to be hit by overcapacity and falling demand, needs to close another 20 million tonnes of rolling capacity, a move that could cost 80,000 jobs.

The British Government has insisted that the British Steel Corporation, now the most profitable steel company in Europe, should not have to make any more sacrifices.

Kuwaitis confirm 10% stake in BP

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

The Kuwait Investment Office has bought 10.06 per cent of BP at a cost of £500 million in the confusion following the government share sale.

The KIO, which invests Kuwaiti oil surpluses, confirmed yesterday it was the mystery buyer that had scooped up the new partly-paid shares in BP in a market raid on Tuesday and continued buying yesterday.

The purchase makes the KIO by far the largest shareholder in the oil multinational

The KIO has a reputation for being a passive shareholder in several large companies

BP, which has been used to big shareholders in the past — the Government and Burmah Oil having once owned two thirds of its shares —said guardedly yesterday: "While the Kuwait Investment Office's holding of 10.06 per cent is considerably greater than other institutional shareholdings in BP, the company always welcomes significant new long-term investors of an institutional nature.

The purchase is likely to cause the Treasury fresh political embarrassment over the sale but will help solve the potential financial problem posed by the Bank of England guarantee to buy back the partly-paid BP shares at 70p.

The new BP shares now stand at 81p, down 4p yesterday after reaching 86p earlier and it seems unlikely, therefore, that the Bank of England will have to fulfil its guarantee on a large scale.

RHM warns on bread price

By Carol Ferguson

Ranks Hovis McDougall, the food group, announced a strong profits performance yesterday for the year to September 5 1987, but warned that the price of bread may have to go up in January on top of the 3p increase on an 800 gramme loaf already announced earlier this year

Mr Stanley Metcalfe, the deputy chairman and managing director of RHM, said yesterday that this year's grain harvest was one of the worst experienced in this country and a further price rise was needed. "It will not be as large as last time," he said. "But only 70 per cent of the grain is used in bread-making. The rest goes into animal feed, and the market has been weak."

The group's profit before tax rose by 28 per cent to £116 million, on turnover up 9 per cent to £1.5 billion. Earnings per share were up 16 per cent to 24p, while the dividend was increased by 30 per cent to 5.84p net.

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Metcalfe: fears that poor harvest may lead to price rise

Non-payment of second instalment by 7,500 shareholders

£1.8m TSB shares are forfeit

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

TSB Group yesterday said that it was taking back 3.6 million shares from 7,500 shareholders who failed to pay their second 50p a share payment which fell due in September. The second payment on the confiscated shares was worth £1.8 million.

The shares represent 0.24 per cent of the total number of shares issued a year ago. TSB has not yet decided how it will use the appropriated shares, but they may be added to the fund from which loyalty bonus shares will be paid to shareholders who have kept their original stake for three years. Alternatively, the shares may be sold on the stock market or used for future acquisitions by the bank.

The appropriation comes after two warning letters, two extended payment deadlines and a further registered letter to shareholders who had not paid. The lack of payment is unlikely, however, to be linked to the stock market fall, as the requirement to pay came considerably before share prices began to collapse. TSB pointed out that those who had not paid up were foregoing a 15p premium on the shares at today's prices.

There are a further 10 million shares which are still subject to an inquiry, mainly because the whereabouts of their owners cannot be identified. Many shareholders have moved house since the floation and cannot be contacted by the bank.

The failure to pay up on the second instalment by so many shareholders poses a problem for TSB, which now has to return to the shareholders the £1.8 million it received last year from their first instalment payments.

The bank hopes that all the shareholders are still living at the same address as last year, but says it can do nothing about those who have moved and have not left a forwarding address. These shareholders stand to lose their first payment refund, because the TSB's cheque may never reach them.

The bank insists, however, that as the cheques are all crossed, no one will be able to cash them.

The 10 million shares still under investigation relate to 5,000 shareholdings. TSB is trying to trace their owners, as many of them failed to receive the registered letters sent out by the bank reminding them of the payment deadline.

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STOCK MARKET

US gloom dampens equities

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Early gains on the London stock market were trimmed sharply during after-hours business yesterday following another dull start to trading on Wall Street.

Prices were marked sharply higher in London first thing on reports that negotiators had worked into the night and were close to agreement on cutting the US budget deficit by $75 billion over the next two years.

But a new wave of pessimism swept through the market on reports that the Republicans were objecting to some of the measures which could result in higher taxes.

Investors remained cautious and were clearly reluctant to open new positions until the situation is resolved. Turnover was down to a trickle and the news that the Dow Jones industrial average had opened lower was enough to reduce sharply some of the earlier gains.

The FT-SE 100 finished the day 3.6 points up at 1,663.7, having been 32.6 points up. The narrower FT index of 30 shares also reduced an earlier lead of 23.8, to close a net 1.3 lower at 1,309.3.

Government securities were dull with prices drifting throughout the day to end £½ lower at the longer end of the market.

BP was again the big talking point. The Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) finally confirmed that it has been behind much of the turnover of the past few days, emerging with a 10.06 per cent stake. Another 320 million new shares – amounting to almost half the total market turnover – were traded yesterday as the KIO *completed its purchases* and the price fell 3p to 82p. The ordinary lost 2p to 256p as 30 million shares changed hands.

BTR, the industrial conglomerate, recovered an early fall to close all-square at *255p*. Smith New Court, the broker, is unperturbed by the group's exposure to the US – which last year accounted for 28 per cent of operating profits – and rates the shares as a buy in its latest review of *Industrial Materials and Holding Companies*.

Recent interim figures, *showing pretax profits up by* 38 per cent at £280 million, were in line with market expectations. But Smith has already decided to lower its sights for the full year because of the fall in the US and Australian dollars. It also fears the group will have to contend with a slowdown in the American economy next year. The broker is now looking for full-year profits of £600 million *compared with £505 million* last time and has already pencilled in £672 million for 1988.

Despite this, it believes BTR's "niche market strategy and sustained management *record are attractive qualities in current markets*" and is also attracted by yield considerations.

Smith says the market collapse has provided new opportunities on the acquisition front. Last year's attempt to gain control of Pilkington ended in failure. But there is already talk that BTR might be considering another attempt when it is again able to do so. The Pilkington *share price* also suffered in the crash. It was trading at the 316p level on "Black Monday" and yesterday closed 3p lower at 208p.

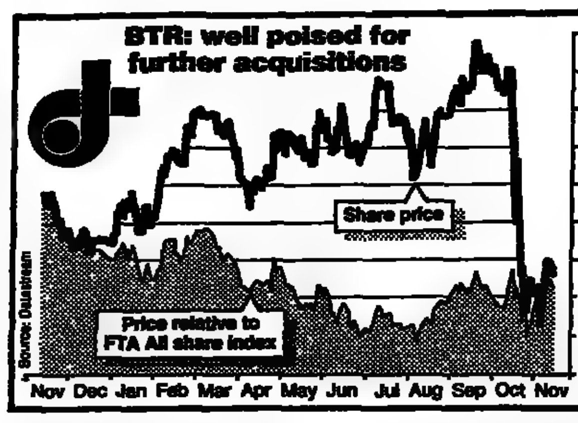
● Wellcome, which unveiled better-than-expected interim figures last week, jumped another 17p to 363p, for a two-day rise of 23p. Earlier this week, some 1 million shares were bought by one fund manager in a general buying programme, leaving some market-makers short.

Mr Luke Johnson, an analyst at Kleinwort Grieveson Securities, the broker, has some reassuring words to say about advertising agencies in *the wake of their spectacular* fall from grace in the past few weeks.

He believes the sector has now been oversold and says: "Several shares which have virtually halved in value on fears that a US-led recession would blunt economic growth and lead to a downturn in consumer spending are looking particularly attractive to bargain-hunters at the moment."

Mr Johnson admits that several of the British agencies have "significant" US exposure, *but this does not* provide a logical explanation for the sector's appalling performance since the crash.

He suggests that there are several companies on sub-market multiples which represent excellent value to buyers and he puts forward Lowe Howard-Spink & Bell, Boase Massimi Pollitt and Saatchi & Saatchi as prime examples.



Lowe Howard-Spink & Bell, down 48 per cent from their 510p *level before the crash*, will derive only 28 per cent of 1988 profits from the US and a 10 per cent decline in the dollar would only cut projected earnings by 2 per cent. Mr Johnson adds: "The business is in excellent shape and 27 per cent earnings growth is expected this year and next." The shares improved by 2p to 265p yesterday.

Shares of Boase Massimi Pollitt – unchanged at 200p yesterday but down by 50 per cent over the same period – are also attractive. About 70 per cent of its overall business is in Britain and is continuing to grow, while its 1988 p/e of under 7 and a decent yield provide additional value.

Saatchi & Saatchi, the world's biggest advertising agency, which had been ignored by investors even before the great crash, provides the market with one of the finest recovery stocks available. Although 50 per cent of earnings come from the US, no clients have, as yet, indicated a cut-back in spending. The group is cash-rich with, perhaps, 100p net per *share in the balance sheet* and dealers should see some action in the shares ahead of full-year figures, expected early next month. The shares fell by 3p to 347p.

Consumer stocks fared well *as expectations of tax cuts in* the next financial year were boosted by the excellent PSBR figures.

Burton, the second largest British clothing retailer, headed by Sir Ralph Halpern, moved up by 3p to 230p ahead of today's preliminary results. Analysts are looking for pretax profits of about £180 million compared with £148.2 million last year.

Boots, the chemist, fell by *14p to 217p* as the group's half-year results failed to live up to expectations. The chairman's accompanying remarks that "the group's outlook is more uncertain than usual" also undermined sentiment *with sellers gaining the* upper hand. About 12 million shares changed hands.

Norcros, the building materials and packaging group, rose by 6p to 329p as the market digested news of the boardroom *row at the company* which has led to the surprise departure of Mr Terry Simpson, the chief executive.

Mr Simpson's departure comes when dealers believe that Williams Holdings, the *conglomerate, which narrowly* failed to acquire Norcros in a £570 million takeover bid this year, has been busy buying more shares in the company and could now hold about 5 per cent.

● Polly Peck International improved 1p to 255p as County NatWest, the broker, advised clients to buy. *The expected victory of the Ozal government in the forthcoming Turkish election should be good news* for the group, while a 19 per cent gain in annual profits to £83.5 million is forecast.

Thorn EMI, the British industrial and television rental group, closed 2p easier at 504p, after touching 512p, on renewed talk that Plessey, the electronics and telecommunications group, wants to buy a key stake in the Inmos microchip business put up for sale by Thorn this year.

Thorn has given presenta*tions to analysts at its research* laboratories in Hayes, Middlesex, as well as the HMV record store in Oxford Street, for the past couple of days.

Plessey, on the other hand, held its overnight level of *146p as dealers nervously* awaited publication of today's interim results.

Mr Jason Crisp, an analyst at County NatWest, the broker, believes that Sir John Clark, the chairman, will reveal pretax profits of *£70* million for the six months, compared with £87.4 million last year and he has downgraded his estimate for the full year from between £190 million and £200 million to £175 million.

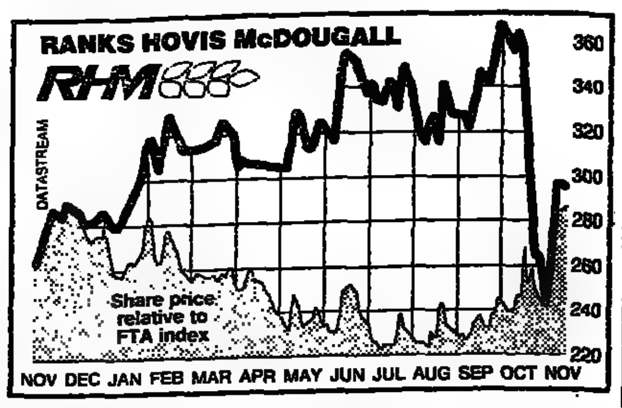
ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	1,102	Coats	1,960	Land Sec	1,914	Rowntree	301
Alld-Lyons	883	CU	1,546	Laporte	19	Royal Bank	491
Amstrad	588	Cons Gold	74	L&G	1,052	Royal Ins	1,229
ASDA	4,010	Cookson	437	Lloyds	1,241	Saatchi	2,755
AB Foods	127	Courtaulds	2,089	Lonrho	1,195	Sainsbury	1,612
Argyll	2,574	Dalgety	763	Lucas	273	Scot & N	520
BAA	1,302	Dee	2,614	Magnet	448	Sears	4,212
BET	1,176	Dixons	4,053	M&S	5,341	Sedgwick	1,246
BTR	2,207	ECC	380	Maxwell Cm	3,760	Shell	3,708
BAT	1,642	Enterprise	803	MEPC	1,166	Smith & N	1,728
Barclays	1,153	Ferranti	1,506	Metal Box	2,105	STC	1,241
Bass	255	Fisons	1,809	Midland	1,010	Stan Chart	284
Beecham	2,298	Gen Acc	498	NatWest	451	Storehse	979
Beazer	953	GEC	9,715	Next	1,665	Sun Allnce	866
BICC	488	Glaxo	2,807	Nth Food	320	T & N	160
Blue Arrow	4,498	Globe	402	P&O	588	Tarmac	1,439
Blue Circle	403	Granada	605	Pearl	427	Tate & Lyle	28
BOC	2,395	Grand Met	896	Pearson	30	TSB	2,436
Boots	12,478	GUS 'A'	813	Pilkington	4,195	Tesco	2,958
BPB	177	GRE	236	Plessey	980	Thorn EMI	583
Br Aero	1,284	GKN	1,006	Prudential	162	Trafalgar	1,162
Br Airways	3,167	Guinness	7,713	Racal	2,771	THF	1,627
Br Comm	663	Hamm 'A'	1,033	Rk Hovis	1,862	Ultramar	916
Br Gas	9,035	Hanson	6,522	Rank	346	Unigate	1,989
Br Petrol	24,413	Hawker	166	R&C	38	Unilever	924
Br Telecm	7,908	Hawley	478	Redland	178	United Bis	121
Britoil	8,173	Hillsdown	1,582	Reed	1,891	Utd News	47
Bunzl	865	IMI	806	Reuters	1,120	Wellcome	2,906
Burmah	344	ICI	3,115	RMC Gp	367	Whitbrd	2,343
Burton	698	Jaguar	1,048	RTZ	872	Willis Fab	882
C&W	2,094	Lasmo	99	R-Royce	2,084	Woolworth	332
Cadbury	2,169	Ladbroke	1,883	Rothmn 'B'	1,859	Equities page 33	

TEMPUS

Profit slowdown likely at self-raising RHM

Rank Hovis McDougall, through divestment of its peripheral businesses, investment in modernizing its core businesses and acquisitions, *has achieved five-year profits* growth of 27 per cent a year. In the process, it has edged up its return on sales from 2 per cent in 1982 to 8.3 per cent last year.



But how long can RHM continue to boost its profits significantly faster than turnover?

In the US, the big food companies regularly report returns on sales of more than 10 per cent. But there the *food retailers are more fragmented* and less able to exert pressure on their suppliers' margins than J Sainsbury or Marks and Spencer, for instance. In addition, lower margin, own-label goods are much less significant.

In Britain, the balance of power is heavily weighted in the retailers' favour. But as they have grown bigger, they are finding they are becoming more dependent on the large *manufacturers for a significant* proportion of their needs. There may, therefore, be further scope for RHM to widen margins, although it must also expand its sales faster.

Nevertheless, it is likely that the best years of profits growth are past and that RHM's progress will be steady, rather than spectacular, from now on. A pretax profits increase of about 20 *per cent this year to £140* million gives a prospective multiple of 10.5.

RHM shares outperformed the market by 13 per cent in the past three months. Speculative appeal arising from the 29.9 per cent interest of Goodman Fielder, the Australian food group, could fade after the collapse in the Australian stock market, and the promise that Goodman will not bid for at least six months.

Boots

The arrival of Sir James Blyth as chief executive of Boots will do much to polish the group's image, while sharpening up its business methods.

But half-time results show that one of Boots' problems – the retail chain's reputation for dowdy appearance and unfocused merchandise – is already being tackled.

More than 200 of the larger stores – 20 per cent of the chain – have been refurbished and there have been write-downs as product lines are rationalized.

Electronic point-of-sale equipment *is now in* 29 stores, and Boots' own Direct Product Profitability assessment is identifying unprofitable lines.

Opening costs at the six out of town Children's World shops are believed to have been £2.5 million. The chain is not yet making a profit, but is trading well. French and Canadian losses should be eliminated next year.

Flint, the much criticized United States acquisition, is answering its detractors by increasing sales in volume and value. Its inclusion accounted for most of the 42 per cent rise in industrial profits.

Flosequinan, the acute-care heart drug, should be launched in the US and Britain at the turn of *1989-90*.

All this shows that Boots is at last coming to life. But the *costs incurred* by meeting the retailing challenge mean that the earnings gap from now until the new pharmaceuticals drugs come on-stream in 1990 is less well-bridged. Flint's earnings – about $60 *million (£34.4 million)* a year – are now more exposed to currency movements.

This may dampen enthusiasm for Boots in the short term, but the longer-term potential is clearly there.

Whitbread

Retailing and food sales are looming ever larger in Whitbread's turnover mix, and if food sales continue to grow at 30 per cent a year, no one is going to complain.

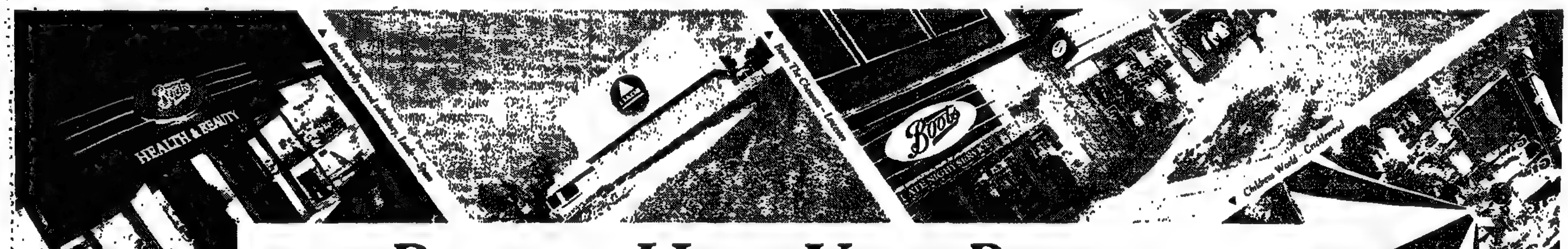
It may have been initially disappointing to see beer sales rise by under 4 per cent at the interim stage, but that is a significant outperformance compared with the industry as a whole which is estimated to be growing at less than 1 per cent annually. And the still-growing preference of its customers for high-margin lager rather than ale, allowed brewing profits to grow by 7.9 per cent to *£54.4 million*.

But it was the managed pubs, restaurants and leisure activities division which stole the show in the first half. With its strong growth – at the interim, operating profits rose 20.6 per cent to reach £40.4 million – it will soon be challenging the brewing division as Whitbread's most important profit centre.

Wines and spirits profits were up *13.9 per cent to £13.1* million. The acquisiton of Beefeater gin gives the group the opportunity to integrate distribution with Long John whisky in key overseas markets, to give cost savings in the longer term.

For the year as a whole, pretax profits should advance by about *15 per cent to £185* million. The shares are on a prospective multiple of 9.3.

The brewers have strong defensive qualities in a recession and the yield of 5.2 per cent gives added support.



BOOTS – HALF YEAR RESULTS

Group Profit and Loss Account for the half year ended 30th September 1987 (unaudited)

	1987 £m	1986 £m	% Increase
Turnover (excluding VAT)	1,305.7	1,063.2	+22.8
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	120.1	97.5	+23.2
Taxation	(38.6)	(31.8)	
Profit after taxation	81.5	65.7	+24.0
Minority interests	(.5)	(.9)	
	81.0	(64.8)	
Extraordinary profit after taxation	6.0	—	
Profit attributable to shareholders	87.0	64.8	+34.3
Dividends	(28.6)	(25.8)	
Profit retained	58.4	39.0	
Earnings per share	8.8p	8.5p	

Overseas companies of the group, other than certain related companies, have changed their annual reporting date from 31st December to 31st March. Consequently, the 1987 interim results of these companies include turnover and profit before taxation for the nine months to 30th September.

	1987 Turnover £m	1987 Profit £m	1986 Turnover £m	1986 Profit £m
Industrial Division	262.8	57.8	227.4	40.6
Overseas: Quarter to March 1987	59.1	12.8	—	—
	321.9	70.6	227.4	40.6
Retail Division	1,004.4	43.0	893.7	42.7
Surplus on disposal of properties		5.8		6.5
		48.8		49.2
Overseas: Quarter to March 1987	48.2	(2.6)	—	—
	1,052.6	46.2	898.7	49.2
Interdivisional	(68.8)		(62.9)	
Net interest and unallocated items		3.9		7.7
Overseas: Quarter to March 1987		(.6)		—
	1,305.7	120.1	1,063.2	97.5

These do not constitute 'full accounts' within the meaning of the Companies Act 1985.

GROUP HIGHLIGHTS

● World sales on an annualised basis increased by 12.7% and profits, excluding property profits, by 15.1%.

● Sales of prescription pharmaceuticals and consumer products through the industrial division increased on an annualised basis by 15.6% and profits by 42.4%.

● Retail world sales on an annualised basis increased by 11.8%. UK trading profits from Boots The Chemists and Boots Opticians rose by 10.7%.

● Following the restructuring last year, and a higher spend per customer, Boots The Chemists achieved real growth of 7.7%. Margins have been maintained and store labour productivity has risen by 6.0%.

● Boots The Chemists market shares have risen in several core business areas, notably cosmetics and photographic.

● Childrens World continues to be successful with 6 stores now open. Boots Opticians have traded well and now have 250 outlets.

● *In the USA, sales of synthroid*, the product for thyroid deficiency, and part of the *Flint acquisition have been very* successful, increasing both in units and volume.

● Nurofen and Advil, the over the *counter analgesics, continued* market share increases in the UK and USA.

● Planned increase in Research and Development continues with clinical trials of Manoplax, the new cardiovascular product, proceeding well.

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Electricity chiefs back autonomous boards for districts

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The chairmen of 11 of the 12 area electricity boards in England and Wales will today reject proposals by Sir Philip Jones, the Electricity Council chairman, that under privatization a new holding company should be set up with executive control of the area boards.

Instead, they will suggest that each area board be privatized individually. Only one board chairman, Mr Tom Rutherford of the North Eastern Board, is expected to support the council proposal for an overall holding company.

The chairmen's proposals are likely to lead them into dispute with Sir Philip, who has been arguing strongly with Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Energy Secretary, that the boards should be privatized under a holding company and the existing centralized roles carried out by the council be retained.

The chairmen of the area boards have commissioned a detailed study into the case for and against forced mergers of area boards by London Economics, a consultant.

The report suggests that mergers of area boards would be a waste of resources and bring no benefits to consumers. It adds that maintaining 12 area boards would encourage efficiency through yardstick competition, regional autonomy and diversity of decision making. It also argues that the problems of multiple flotations and the involved contractual arrangements between boards and generating companies could easily be met.

The council, with 20 members, three from the Central Electricity Generating Board and five central members from the Electricity Council senior staff, said the study had no validity and many of the conclusions had been reached without the council's involvement.

However, Mr James Smith, the chairman of the Eastern Electricity Board, said: "It must be remembered that we are the Electricity Council. We are there as peers and it is the area boards which raise the revenue generated by the industry."

The chairmen have also said they have no firm view on what should happen to the national grid under privatization, apart from the need to make sure that any power generator and area board has free access to it. This contrasts with Sir Philip's view that it should be in the control of the distribution side of the industry and taken away from the CEGB.

CEGB battles to keep grid

The Central Electricity Generating Board yesterday stepped up its campaign to retain control over the national grid once the electricity industry is privatized and gave a warning that power blackouts would be almost inevitable.

The CEGB also said it was recommissioning three large oil-fired generating units — two at its Littlebrook power station and one at the Isle of Grain station — to cope with the winter demand. The units are capable of producing 660 megawatts of power each and are well placed to meet the expected surge in demand in the southern half of the country, it said.

The CEGB expects consumption to peak during the second week in January and is planning to have 51,000 megawatts of capacity available to meet the predicted 47,200 megawatts of demand.

Mr Ed Wallis, the CEGB director of operations, said yesterday: "The actual severity of weather conditions cannot be forecast accurately long in advance, but allowing for such unknowns is second nature to us.

"We are confident we will meet this winter's demand."

However, the CEGB said it could only offer such a guarantee because it controls the national grid and it attacked suggestions the previous day by Sir Philip Jones, the chairman of the Electricity Council, that the grid should be placed in the hands of the distribution companies.

Mr Gil Blackman, the deputy chairman of the CEGB, said: "The board's integrated power system is the best guarantee customers have that the lights will stay on. It reduces the risk of the sort of system collapse we have seen cause major blackouts in other countries."

He said that while it would be technically feasible to separate the grid from the network of power stations, that would provide no advantage to the consumer.

"To do so would be gambling with the unknown," he added.

Bill Warhurst

Bubbling over: Sam Whitbread, the chairman, yesterday

Whitbread lifts profits to £93m in first half

By Carol Ferguson

Whitbread & Co's half-year profits, released yesterday, were in line with expectations. Pretax profits grew by 17 per cent to £93 million, on turnover up 9 per cent to £817 million. In a buoyant market, the shares rose 2p on the day to close at 259p, after touching 263p during the afternoon.

The group saw its strongest profits growth in its pubs and restaurants, where food sales grew by 30 per cent, much faster than alcohol sales. Whitbread refurbished and reopened 125 managed pubs and 200 tenanted pubs in the half year at an average cost of £50,000 a pub. It also opened 54 Thresher wine shops, five Beefeater restaurants and 18 Pizza Huts.

In a generally static beer market, Whitbread's lager sales rose to 51 per cent of its total beer sales, compared with 48 per cent last year. This is well above the market average for lager of about 46 per cent of total beer sales (43 per cent last year).

Mr Sam Whitbread, the chairman, said Whitbread's beer business was sound, particularly in lager, where Stella Artois was making excellent progress in the important premium sector.

The dividend was increased by 12 per cent to 2.8p net.

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COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Plessey: a critical case of City short-termism

The gospel of short-termism faces a critical test today when Plessey delivers its second-quarter figures. Brokers' forecasts are not brimming with optimism. Wood Mackenzie, for example, expects an 18 per cent fall in pretax profits and hard pounding in the second half of the year. If the soothsayers are right, one of our leading high-technology companies will, in profit terms, have spent three years on a plateau.

In this condition and with a market capitalization of a meagre £1 billion, Plessey looks vulnerable. This is what short-termism is about: the stock market's insistence on continuous performance when the essence of the business is the assessment of longer-term risk and assiduous application of talent and money to slow-maturing projects.

Plessey's problems vis-à-vis the stock market are compounded by the need to produce quarterly figures. Ninety-day exposures of a techology-based company are particularly distorting. The company has suffered from the unproductive diversion of management time and energy resulting from the Monopolies Commission investigation of the GEC bid. It may also have to pay a cost, in disappointed expectations, of its vigorous defence against GEC. In tight corners, companies fighting unwanted bidders usually feel compelled to abandon their customary conservatism. They reveal their plans and aspirations too soon and often give dates when the promised benefits will arrive. After the heat and dust of the battle, it is not easy to revert to the conventional language of prudent forecasting and medium and longer-term prospects. Important statements are lost in a fog of déjà vu.

These are some of the negatives in which today's results may be framed. For Plessey, the immediate challenge lies in communicating a proper understanding of the progress the company has made in the last year. Most important, it has developed a coherent industrial strategy, based on its high-technology core businesses and the recognition that, however excellent these are, they are too small in the context of the international electronics industry. Plessey has decided on a growth path of acquisition and collaboration, including joint ventures: there will be organic growth but that is not enough. Plessey must address a bigger market if its status and importance is not to diminish.

The most potent example of this strategy is the merging in a joint venture of Plessey's and GEC's telecomunications businesses — all of them, not just System X. Among many advantages, this agreement removed a block in the minds of institutional investors: previously, they refused to think beyond, to them, the truism that until telecommunications were put together and given a better chance to compete internationally, progress in a vital area, particularly for Plessey where telecommunications accounted for 40 per cent of the group's business, would be stunted.

Two other points are worth making about the joint venture with GEC, one negative, the other positive. Although the new company is enjoying a honeymoon of sweetness and exciting physical contact, it is about to face a difficult and critical six months. The massive exercise in inquiry and reorganization that was called for is inevitably disruptive. The problems needing solutions are not senior appointments, nor even with manufacturing locations; but there will be redundancies at many levels. Moreover, until the new company settles down and begins to show its paces, there will be a tendency among potential customers to wait and see. The big point for the future is that both companies see the joint venture as a springboard and not simply as a cash cow.

Plessey is blessed with a very strong balance sheet. How it is used will influence the market's assessment, or rather reassessment, of Plessey management. Inmos or not Inmos? A joint approach to bidding for contracts in Europe? More acquisitions in the US where the company seems to have dealt shrewdly in buying Sippican. Plessey has succeeded in communicating two things: the high quality of its technology and a renewed commitment to active strategic and tactical management. No one seriously questions the first. Plessey abandons the second at its peril.

Waiting for the magic

Sir Terence Conran can be grateful that investment eyes are still focused on Storehouse as a bid situation, even if the only offer on the table — from Benlox — is regarded as a joke. Had the stock market only to consider yesterday's interim report on its own, the shares would undoubtedly have travelled south.

Storehouse did warn at the time of the BHS-Habitat-Mothercare merger that it would take three years before the benefits and the magic of the merger were seen. With interim pretax results to hand — showing a 3 per cent set-back, to £35.9 million, in the six months to end September — the original timetable looks conservative.

The higher interim dividend, which implies that the profits set-back is temporary, and the determination not to let gearing run too far away from 20 per cent, lend some support to the shares. But if Storehouse continues to insist that it is best left alone it must demonstrate that the Conran magic is working at a faster pace. Yesterday's results are not enough on their own to keep shareholders faithful.

Shortage of land predicted

By Michael Tate

The stock market crash has not dented the housing market and, says Mr Charles Church, whose Charles Church Developments builds some of the most expensive houses in Britain, it will not do so.

Tax cuts and the dwindling supply of building land provided by the authorities will continue to underpin the market, he says. "I predict a drastic shortage of land over the next two or three years, pushing prices upwards."

Church yesterday declared profits of £11.9 million for the year ended August. Earnings per share are up from 3.9p to 9.5p, and the board will pay a 1p dividend.

The average price of Church houses rose by 26 per cent over the year, Mr Church says, to £100,000. This year it will rise to £130,000, although this will partly reflect the acquisition of County Homes, the Essex builder whose houses are even more expensive than those built by Church.

This year Church will build about 700 houses, worth more than £90 million. Half of them are already sold. Analysts believe the group could make profits of £14.8 million.

Names reject Mary Archer in Lloyd's Council election

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Mrs Mary Archer, wife of the novelist Mr Jeffrey Archer, just failed in her bid to be elected as an external member of the Council of Lloyd's of London to represent the names who finance the insurance market. With 3,089 votes, Mrs Archer came fourth of 11 candidates for the three seats up for election by rotation.

Names preferred a series of distinguished lawyers. Mr Mark Farrer of Farrer & Co, the Royal solicitors, came top with 4,226 votes, followed by the barrister MP, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, with 4,202 and Lord Rees, QC, the former Chief Secretary to the Treasury, with 3,904.

There were no surprises in the parallel annual election for three working members of the Council. The poll of six candidates was headed by Mr David Coleridge, a former deputy chairman, followed by Mr Murray Lawrence, one of the present deputy chairmen, and a broker, Mr Michael Wade, chairman of Holman Wade.

Mr Francis Maude, the Parliamentary under secretary for corporate affairs, confirmed in a written answer yesterday that the Lloyd's Council is on schedule with its plan to implement the 70 recommendations of the Neill report on the timetable set by the former Trade Secretary, Mr Paul Channon.

Davy raises dividend

Davy Corporation, the engineering group, lifted pretax profits from £6.01 million to £6.23 million in the six months to end-September, and is raising interim dividends from 1.5p to 2p a share.

Two key American projects have seen a slowdown, the company says, but generally it has only limited exposure to the dollar.

Sales into the US, a small part of the group's activities, are either not denominated in dollars, or their exposure is hedged.

Settlements service planned

By Cliff Feltham

The bear market has taken the pressure off the backroom offices of stockbroking firms which came close to collapse during the frantic trading when the stock market soared to 2,600 points.

But just in case optimists have their way and those halcyon days return, a service is being launched in the City enabling brokers to hand over their expensive settlement business to an independent outside contractor. If successful, dealing costs could eventually come down, to the benefit of clients.

The company, Security Settlements — whose directors include two experienced settlement executives from Greenwell Montagu, the broker, — claims to be able to offer customers a cheaper and quicker service than stockbrokers' own operations.

Mr Stephen Pinner, the managing director, said: "Since Big Bang, the introduction of negotiated commissions together with heavily increased trading volumes has put huge strains on many back offices and clearing agencies.

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"An economic depression is like an earthquake. The further you get away from one, the closer you get to the next one." How reassuring that while the rest of us have been musing about the changing economic scene, clever Bob Beckman has been swotting up on the rudiments of geology. Revelling in the fact that the stock market crash he has been nagging us about for years has finally arrived, the flamboyant American investment guru and broadcaster seems to be losing all sense of proportion. Glossing over the fact that anyone who took his advice over the past five years to steer clear of equities and property missed two of the biggest boom markets ever, Beckman now paints a picture of such gloom that even Bob Monkhouse may have to take that grin off his face. In a foretaste of *Into The Upwave*, his forthcoming book, Beckman warns: "As Britain moves down the path leading to the Gulag, society will grow progressively more discontented ... an inordinate percentage of the community will move below the poverty line. The natural spinoffs will be envy, resentment and an explosion in crime, particularly crimes against property. Those who engage in an open display of their wealth and live in expensive areas will be the primary targets for the criminal ..." Here the text takes off into an essay on the criminal mind and how best to make life difficult for Johnny Burglar. This journey into the Twilight Zone ends with Beckman's advice to his readers on how to protect their portfolios. But do not call your broker just yet. Beckman suggests hiding your valuables in a hole in the ground. "So long as you are extremely careful to draw an accurate map it is difficult to fault this time-honoured hiding place."

Becoming a Habitat

Pity Sir Terence Conran. The poor boy never seems to be able to get away from it all. First his summer holiday in France was ruined when Tony Clegg's Mountleigh Group popped up with its takeover bid for Storehouse. Then, this week, as he was nestling into his Concorde seat on a flight from New York to London, a familar face approached him up the aisle. "Excuse me. Do you know who I am?" asked Peter Earl, the brains behind the cheeky bid being mounted by baby Benlox. Sounds like one of those American Express card commercials, if you ask me ... Perhaps Earl is working on a cash alternative after all.

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Dutch courage

Short on accuracy, long on hypocrisy? The latest edition of *Time Out*, London's glossy, up-to-the-minute listings magazine, reports, amid a feisty critique of Britain's advertisement-soaked lager market, that "Scottish and National are trying to take over brewers Matthew Brown." Up-to-the-minute City lager-drinkers will know that *Scottish & Newcastle's* bid for Matthew Brown was tied up last month. The article, and its author's complaints about lager advertising aimed directly at young people, will probably be read with much interest in the brewing industry. No doubt readers will also be unsettled to find that a magazine which is read so widely by London's teenage trendies looking for alternative excitement on Saturday night has an inside cover paid for by Croft sherry. And then on the back cover, of course, there is Rothmans ...

Big Bang for real

As if Ronnie did not have enough on his plate, he has got Dennis Skinner on the warpath again. The Beast of Bolsover is leading a platoon of anxious Labour MPs who have put down an early day motion: they want to draw colleagues' attention to whatever implications the City's new technology might have for President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative. The motion notes that the year of Big Bang began with a computer failure and ended with some computers selling shares without human operators; that computers cannot be programmed for every contingency; and that the idea of computer-steered defence programmes performing unpredictably is inherently dangerous. Skinner is urging the City's battle-scarred survivors to pass on their experience to the Ministry of Defence, so that the MoD boys can grasp why the Star Wars programme cannot safely be used as part of a policy designed to stop big bangs. The early day motion is now on the order paper and could fester there for some time without anyone taking much notice. Sounds pretty much like the Star Wars programme. Or Dennis Skinner, come to that.

● French wine experts are describing the fragrance of this year's Beaujolais Nouveau, out today, as "banana with a touch of raspberry." If you are lucky, though, you might still find one that tastes of grapes.

Joe Joseph

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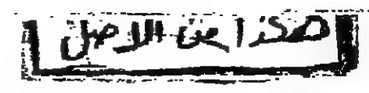

JAL sell-off hits turbulence

From David Watts, Tokyo

Japan Air Lines (JAL) flew into an uncertain future yesterday, as a private company laden with relatively high costs, increased competition and continuing union problems.

After a change in the company's articles of association, and abolition of legislation covering the previously state-owned company, the way is now open for the sale next month of the government's 35.4 per cent holding in JAL. Last night the value of each of the government's 48,099,000 shares stood at Y18,100 (£75), up Y400 on the day. The shares will be sold at a 3.5 per cent discount on the price set the day before the sale takes place.

The airline showed a record profit for the first half, but began its first day of privatization with 46 flight-deck crew on strike and the prospect of further industrial action over the next few days.

The privatization of JAL is the last stage in the government's policy of decontrolling the airline industry in Japan, and should free JAL of bureaucratic constraints to compete against its two newly-aggressive domestic rivals, All Nippon Airways and Toa Domestic Airlines.

ANA has already begun services to Los Angeles, Washington, Guam, Hong Kong and Peking, while TDA has started operating charter flights and is seeking approval to fly to Honolulu and Seoul.

But the need to compete without government loans and protection of its environment is forcing on JAL manning reductions and plans to hire foreign hostesses that are aggravating union problems.

The airline is going in for "reckless rationalization," said Mr Tetsuo Kimura of the JAL flight crew union.

The airline has an unenviable record — 743 killed in accidents over the past 13 years. Mr Kimura warns that the 900 jobs the airline wants to lose by 1990 will prejudice maintenance standards.

The biggest argument with the flight unions centres on cockpit manning of the Boeing 767 and new Boeing 747-400s which the company has just ordered.

Two-man crews are already used on the 767 and the union is fighting against their introduction on the new high-tech 747-400 on the grounds that safety would be impaired by the loss of a third pair of eyes in the cockpit.

Guinness distils Far East network

By Lawrence Lever

Guinness, the brewing and spirits group, yesterday unveiled further details of its strategy for streamlining the distribution arrangements of Distillers, which it took over last year, and exercising greater control over the marketing of the brands it produces.

The Far East is the newest target, with Guinness taking advantage of its new link with Moët Hennessy and the purchase of the Caldbeck Macgregor distributors from Inchcape, to concentrate the distribution of its brands in Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand, on two joint-venture companies.

The major brands produced by Moët Hennessy and United Distillers, the international spirits subsidiary of Guinness, will be distributed by Riche Monde, an associate of Moët.

This will operate a series of joint ventures with local partners, focusing on products such as Johnnie Walker, Gordon's Gin, Moët et Chandon champagne and Hennessey and FOV cognacs.

A new company, Caldbecks, will handle other, less established, brands from Moët and United Distillers such as Old Parr 12 year old, Dewar's, Black and White, VAT 69 and Hine Cognac.

It will also distribute wines and spirits from third parties currently distributed by former Caldbeck Macgregor companies and by other Inchcape operations which have not been purchased by Guinness.

Inchcape will have management control of Caldbecks, and own 60 per cent of its shares. Moët and and United Distillers will have 20 per cent each.

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Currencies depress turnover at Nestle

Vevey (Reuter) — Nestle group sales in the first 10 months of this year were depressed by the weakness of leading currencies against the Swiss franc and a sharp fall in green coffee prices, Mr Reto Domeniconi, the finance director, said yesterday.

He said the adverse effect of these factors was partly offset by a 4 per cent increase in sales volume, excluding the effect of acquisitions, and by price rises for group products in certain countries with higher inflation.

Nestle reported an 8.3 per cent drop in group sales to SwFr29 billion (£11.8 billion) in the first 10 months of 1987. Mr Domeniconi said currency movements depressed turnover by 20.1 per cent in the first 10 months, while lower coffee prices led to a drop of about SwFr1 billion in sales.

However, operational improvements allowed Nestle to report a more modest decline in sales. The 8.3 per cent fall to SwFr29 billion for the 10 months represented an improvement on the first half year, when sales fell 13 per cent to SwFr17 billion.

"Sales growth in our major markets was generally above the local inflation rate," Mr Domeniconi said. "We achieved good real progress in individual markets."

Mr Helmut Maucher, the chief executive, forecast group sales of about SwFr35 billion for the year against SwFr38.05 billion in 1986, and said he stood by an earlier forecast of a 1987 net profit at least matching the SwFr1.79 billion last time.

Group sales expressed in local currencies rose in all Nestle's large markets except Japan, where they fell 9 per cent to Y163 billion (£682 million) and Switzerland, where they were down 2 per cent at SwFr687 million.

"We have no major acquisition projects under way at the moment but the stock market crash could lead to a more normal valuation of companies," Mr Maucher said.

Bell seeks to unmask buyers

From Richard Battley
Sydney

Mr Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Group and Bell Resources are understood to be seeking to use the Companies Code to unmask the buyers of their scrip in the past 48 hours.

About 4.5 per cent of Bell Resources and 1.5 per cent of Bell Group have been traded in the past two days, amid strong speculation that Mr John Elliott's Elders IXL was targetting the Bell stable. Last night, however, Mr Elliott denied this."It's not us," he said. "From what I've heard, the buyer is from overseas."

If issued by a court, notices under Section 261 of the Companies Code enable a company to identify the ultimate owner of its shares.

EL & C Baillieu, a broking house with close ties to Elders, was a heavy buyer of the 12.4 million Bell Resources shares traded yesterday. Many sales were executed overnight, with Baillieu sending 6.1 million shares overseas at prices from Aus$1.69 (67p) to Aus$1.91.

Market sources said Cazenove, the London broker, which has close links with Baillieu, was buying on the Exchange here. This fuelled speculation that Elders was the buyer.

John Elliott: denies rumours that Elders is buying up Bell

Bell executives have strenuously denied that the group is in post-crash difficulties. However, the drastically reduced market capitalization of the Bell Group, Mr Holmes à Court's flagship, prompted the Australian Ratings agency yesterday to confirm its downgrading from A- to CCC, the lowest level it has awarded. AR cited the company's "negligible" shareholders' funds and "awesome" gearing levels.

Bell Group closed 15 cents lower yesterday at $Aus 2.30 on a turnover of 2.9 million shares. Bell Resources added 1c, to $1.91.

Acquisitions help lift MK to £9.7m profit

By Michael Tate

MK Electric, the electric plugs to security alarms group, lifted profits from £8.4 million to £9.7 million in the six months to end-September, after a 20 per cent increase in turnover to £79 million.

New acquisitions contributed to half the increase in sales, says Mr Roger Leverton, the chief executive, and the hunt for further acquisitions continues, particularly in Britain and Europe.

Group earnings per share in the first half were up 19 per cent at 16.5p, and the interim dividend has been hoisted by 14 per cent to 4.2p a share.

Mr Leverton says that in Britain, which is still responsible for 80 per cent of MK's turnover, sales volumes rose strongly in all three divisions, benefiting in particular from continuing growth in the refurbishment market.

The bulk of MK's products are sold to the building trade, and 75 per cent of this business is refurbishment.

However, the retail market is expanding quickly. MK's plugs, sockets and switches were marketed through do-it-yourself outlets such as B&Q, Do-It-All and Texas Homecare for the first time this summer.

Overseas markets improved, with some recovery in the Far East and Middle East markets, and an excellent performance in Europe, where Esser, the German fire detection and intruder security products group, acquired in July for £7.9 million, contributed for the first time.

The group continues to invest heavily in research and development, and introduced its Powerlink underfloor electronic connection system in September.

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Hopes rise for quota consensus at Opec

Vienna (Reuter) – Mr Rilwanu Lukman, the president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries conference, said a point of view was emerging around which a "likely consensus" could be achievedat next month's Opec meeting in Vienna.

He said that the quota compliance committee felt encouraged by progress achieved so far in talks with member countries. The talks follow overproduction by some members.

Mr Lukman leads the committee, which is seeking commitments from the 13 members to comply with Opec's national output quotas. The committee has visited 11 members and will visit the last two, Gabon and Nigeria, before the December 9 start of the meeting, which has to set output and prices for 1988.

Lukman: no easy answer

After meeting President Suharto in Jakarta, Indonesia, on Tuesday, Mr Lukman said there had been no objection in any of the countries to the principle of production auditing. "We will have to see if it is acceptable to all members. So far no one has objected to the idea," he said.

He added: "All the member countries are in support of some form of permanent on-the-spot arrangement on auditing production to ensure compliance with national quotas."

At a news conference on Tuesday, Mr Lukman said: "We do not expect the next conference to be easy. There are very difficult questions to deliberate. It could take a long time as there are major problems to be settled."

Output by Opec countries in August rose to nearly 20 million barrels per day against an official 16.6 million barrels ceiling, falling to only 18.6 million barrels by October. The excess is a major factor in weakening oil prices.

APPOINTMENTS

Tarmac names new chief for building materials division

Tarmac: Mr Derrick Sims has been named chief executive, building materials division.

Framlington Unit Management: Miss Anne McMeehan is to be marketing director.

IDS Fund Management: Ms Pamela Goldie-Morrison becomes director.

The Henley Centre for Forecasting: Mr Simon Avison joins the board as director, new product development.

Bendicks (Mayfair): Mr Stephen Barnett is made managing director from January 1.

JH Minet & Co: Mr Peter Foster and Mr Frank Heinrich become executive directors, international marine division. Mr Andre Hardie, Mr Simon Radford, Mr David Sloan and Mr Adrian Stewart become divisional directors, international non-marine treaty division, and Mrs Susan Bull becomes divisional director, North American reinsurance division.

Leisure Investments: Mr Barry Purcell joins the board.

Ropner: Mr Robert Sale is made a non-executive director.

Juliana's Holdings: Mr Douglas Smith becomes finance director from January 1.

IMF Financial Services: Mr Colin Harrison is made chairman and managing director and Mr Nigel Bartram operations director.

John Kendall Associates: Mr Reg Ward becomes an executive director.

Wills Group: Mr Christopher Spence has been named non-executive chairman, Mr John Huckle managing director, Mr Robin Marsh non-executive deputy chairman, and Mr Garnet Harrison and Mr Ian Davis directors.

Mees & Hope Securities Holdings: Dr DMN van Weesveen becomes chairman,

Anne McMeehan, of Framlington Unit Trust

Mr AJ Buchanan deputy chairman and managing director, and Dr Th Beels and Jhr DR Hooft Graafland directors. Mr PJ Kalff and Mr GR Farse join the board as non-executive directors.

Moss Bros: Mr Peter Moss has been appointed managing director, property, Mr Bernard Thomas managing director, retail, and Mr Philip Froomberg managing director, wholesale, L&A Froomberg, with Mr Martin Froomberg as deputy managing director.

Meekatharra Minerals: Mr Neill Arthur becomes a director and general manager.

Spicer and Pegler: Mr Ray Gibbs has been named partner in charge, Southampton office, and Mr Tim Harvey partner in charge, Leeds office. Mr Andrew Ball, Miss Ann Kennedy, Mr Lionel Young, Mr Philip Dixon, Mrs Suzanne Goillan, Mr Alan Redden and Mr Joe Swift join the partnership.

Thorn Software: Mr WE Ellis has been named marketing director.

Ranks Hovis McDougall: Mr John Gunn becomes a non-executive director.

Swansea Cork Ferries: Mr James Kennedy has been made managing director.

WS Atkins Management Consultants: Professor John Fyfe joins the board.

Hampson Industries: Mr Martin James Kennedy and Mr Brian Wronski become additional directors.

Pertmaster International: Mr Paul Davis has been appointed a director and Mr Alan Duncan, Mr Peter Rowell, Mr John AG Calthorpe and Mr George Brooksbank non-executive directors.

MAC Group: Mr John Rolander has been named senior vice-president.

London Docklands Development Corporation: Mr Jeremy Rougier becomes chief executive.

Parkdale Holdings: Mr Geoffrey Almeida has been appointed finance group director and Mr Jeremy Priestley joins the board.

AH Guest: Mr Charles Chatterley becomes construction director and Mr Derek Price director of marketing.

Ocean Transport & Trading: Mr John West joins the board as a non-executive director.

Crown Paints: Mr Paul Lever has been appointed divisional managing director, Mr Brian Baker managing director, technical services, Mr John Asher managing director, industrial paints and inks, Mr Aidan Brophy managing director, overseas companies and export, Mr Geoff Christiansen administration director, Mr Ken Gill manufacturing and distribution director, Mr Terry Hudson marketing director, Mr Ron Hughes financial director and Mr Eric Thurston sales director, UK and Europe.

Bain Clarkson: Mr Maurice Gurdin becomes a director, LMX division.

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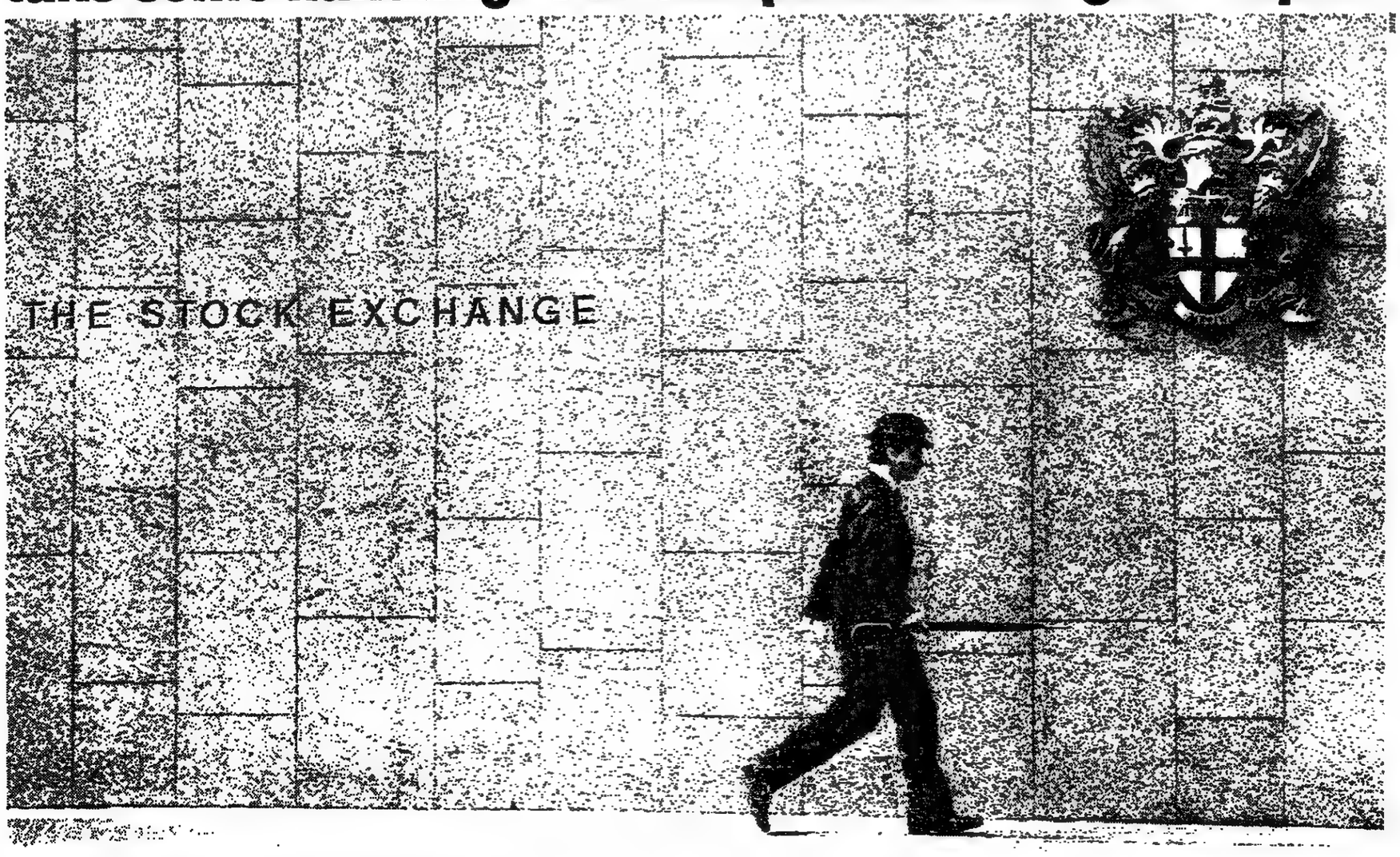

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A breakthrough for Britain

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How long is the Share Offer on for?

The share price was announced on Monday, and the offer ends on Friday, 27th November 1987.

How can shares be bought?

Everyone who telephones the Eurotunnel Share Information Office will be sent a mini prospectus and application form.

Copies of the prospectus are available at all UK branches of National Westminster Bank, Midland Bank, Bank of Scotland and Ulster Bank.

Will there be travel privileges?

Yes. They'll be for individuals who buy shares in the offer and hold on to them. In return for an annual registration fee of about £10 (at July 1987 prices), these shareholders will be able to travel by Eurotunnel shuttles with a vehicle and everyone in it for just £1 each way. The number of £1 trips will depend upon how many shares individual shareholders buy and hold (see table). Further details are contained in the prospectus.

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

AAH Holdings raises pretax profits by 21%

AAH Holdings, the industrial group, reports a 21 per cent increase in pretax profits. The rise, covering the six months to September 30, shows profits up from £8.4 million to £10.1 million.

Turnover was £480 million, compared with £420 million last year. The company is lifting its interim dividend from 3.4p to 3.6p, making it the nineteenth successive year that it has been increased. Earnings per share rose from 9.7p to 12.32p.

Black Arrow at £1.5m

Black Arrow, the office equipment and furniture group, made a pretax profit of £1.5 million in the opening six months of this year, up from just above £1 million. Sales went up from £8.2 million to £9.8 million. The interim dividend is raised from 0.57p a share to 0.75p. Trading conditions in the office furniture market remain buoyant.

Suzuki hopes for 7% rise

Suzuki Motor of Japan predicts a parent-company net profit of 6 billion yen (£25 million) in the year ending March 31, 1988, up by 7.1 per cent. Sales in 1987-88 are estimated at 750 billion yen, up 0.7 per cent from a year earlier. Earnings per share are expected to rise to 19.86 yen from 18.91 and the company plans to retain a 6.50 yen dividend.

Sony predicts jump

Sony Corporation's group net profit is expected to rise to Y32.50 billion (£136 million) in the year ending March 31, up by 30 per cent from 1986-87, if the yen/dollar exchange rate stays within the Y130-Y135 range, a company spokesman said. Group sales are expected to total Y1,380 billion this year, 7 per cent up.

The expected improvement is due to anticipated strong sales of new products, he said without elaborating. The company foresees parent sales in 1987-88 at about Y1,000 billion, little changed from the previous year. Sony will raise its dividend to Y44.60 in 1987-88.

Derek Lewis promoted

Derek Lewis (right), the Granada finance director who has been spearheading the contested takeover battle for control of Electronic Rentals, is stepping up to become group managing director from January 1. Mr Lewis, who took over as finance director three years ago, was formerly with the Imperial Group and the Ford Motor Company.

Lisbon plans sell-offs

The Portuguese government has approved a draft law to allow private ownership of shares in state-owned companies. The law, which would permit partial privatization of the large nationalized sector, will be submitted to parliament for approval. Senhor Fernando Nogueira, a cabinet spokesman, said proceeds from the sales would go back into other state-owned firms and pay interest on the public debt.

Share rights would be guaranteed to employees, small investors and a limited number of foreign investors. Ministers had approved a proposal to privatize the state-run television, radio stations and newspapers, he added.

WORLD MARKETS ROUND-UP: TOKYO

Deficit talks boost shares

Share prices closed 1.7 per cent higher in modest trading on intensified hopes that the United States will decide to cut its budget deficit by $30 billion (£17 billion) this fiscal year, brokers said.

The 225-share Nikkei market index climbed 390.21 points, or 1.7 per cent, to 22,734.49. On Tuesday it fell 271.15 points. Advances led declines by nine to seven in a turnover of 500 million shares, against 250 million on Tuesday.

News from Washington that negotiations on cutting the federal budget deficit had made "excellent progess" spurred the afternoon buying spree.

"It looks like they will agree to cuts of $30 billion tomorrow," a Nomura Securities broker said. "That should be good for New York's market."

The afternoon surge reversed a morning sell-off which pushed the index to a low of 22,175.20.

Securities houses, pharmaceuticals, banks, communications, gas, airlines, real estate and rubber shares rose. Export-related electronics, precision instrument and car issues advanced because of the firmer dollar.

Nippon Telephone and Telegraph (NTT) climbed Y50,000 to Y2.7 million. Brokers said that when NTT rises it inspires confidence in the market.

Even in depressed morning trade, NTT was firm because of talk that the big Japanese brokerages would support NTT's share price.

Personnel shifts at leading securities houses, mainly executed on Tuesday, had some effect on the market as brokers tried to find out whether the staff changes would be accompanied by revisions in investment strategies.

The first section index climbed 33.60 to 1,867.56, after losing 20.11 on Tuesday. The second section index shed 9.34 to 2,347.10 after falling 8.00. Turnover was six million shares, against seven million on Tuesday.

Nippon Steel and Kawasaki Steel were the most heavily traded shares in value terms.

Several company results were announced on Wednesday. Suzuki Motors' parent net profit fell 11.7 per cent in the six months to September 30. Its share price rose 20 points, to 595.

SINGAPORE

Prices up in thin trading

(AP-Dow Jones) — Share prices closed firmer yesterday, but trading was thin, with most players choosing to remain on the sidelines until the outcome of the negotiations to cut the US budget deficit.

The market opened weaker in line with other regional exchanges, then recovered to finish the morning virtually unchanged.

A comment by Mr Tom Foley, the US House of Representatives majority leader, that the negotiations were near settlement then bolstered sentiment and share prices moved higher.

Although there was some recovery in the second half of trading, the buying was patchy and scattered throughout the market.

NEW YORK

Dow drops on housing figures

(Reuter) — Shares turned lower in early trading yesterday, giving up their moderate gains after the opening. Brokers said the market fell as the dollar eased off its highs following the news that US housing starts fell by a larger-than-expected 8.2 per cent in October.

Stocks rose earlier on hopes for a budget deficit reduction agreement.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 18 points lower at 1904.25 after earlier being up 9.

Declining issues took a small lead over rising ones.

Active issues included ATT, 29, up ⅜, IBM, 117½, off ¼, and General Electric, 45, unchanged and Mobil, 35⅝, off ¼.

WALL STREET

	Nov 17	Nov 16
AMR Cp	32¾	33⅝
ASA	44	45
Aetna Life	48⅝	49½
Allied Signal	33½	31⅞
Allis Chim	1¼	1⅜
Alcoa	44	45⅝
Amax Inc	17	17
AMR Hess	24¾	25¼
Am Brands	42⅝	41½
Am Cynmd	35⅞	37⅞
Am Ele Pwr	25⅞	25½
Amexs	24½	25¼
Am Home	70½	72⅝
Am Int Grp	62	63
Am Stand	35⅝	36⅝
Am Telph	28⅝	29½
Amoco Cp	67⅞	68
Armco Steel	9¼	9⅝
Asarco Inc	23⅝	24⅞
Ashland Oil	52	53
Atl Richfld	73	74⅝
Avon Prod	23⅝	24
Bk Boston	21⅝	22⅝
Bank NY	29⅝	30⅝
Bankamer	8⅝	8½
Bkrs Tst NY	30	30⅝
Baxter	22⅝	22⅞
Beth Steel	12⅝	12⅝
Boeing	36⅝	36⅝
Boise Casc	50⅝	52⅝
Borden	43⅝	44⅞
Bristl Meyr	40¼	40½
BP	54⅝	52⅝
Brunswick	16⅛	16½
Burl Ind	n.a	n.a
Burl Nth	57⅝	58⅝
CBS	167⅝	170½
CMS Engy	13⅝	13⅝
CPC Int	38⅝	39⅝
CSX Cp	26⅛	26⅝
Cmpbell Sp	55⅝	56⅝
Can Pacific	15	15⅝
Caterpillar	56⅝	57
Centrl SW	30⅝	30⅝
Champion	29½	29⅝
Chase Man	27⅝	27½
Chem NY	27⅝	28⅝
Chevron	40⅝	40⅝
Chrysler	22⅝	23⅝
Citicorp	19⅝	19⅝
Clark Eq	21⅝	22⅛
Coca Cola	38⅛	38⅝
Colgate	38⅝	38⅝
Columb Gas	38⅝	38⅞
Cmb'tn Eng	26⅝	27⅛
Cmwlth Ed	28⅝	28⅝
Cons Edis	43⅝	43⅝
Consol Ng	36⅝	37⅛
Cont Data	22⅝	22⅝
Corning Gl	47⅝	47
Crane	20⅝	21⅝
Curtiss Wrt	45⅝	46⅝
Data Gen	20⅝	20
Deere Co	30	30⅝
Delta Airl	36⅝	37
Detroit Edl	14⅛	14⅛
Digital Eq	128⅝	131⅛
Disney	52⅝	54⅝
Dow Chem	79⅝	80⅝
Dresslr Ind	22⅝	23
Dupont	83⅝	84⅝
Duke Pwr	45⅝	45
Eastr Kodak	46⅝	50
Eaton Cp	68⅝	68⅝
Emerson El	29	29⅛
Emery Air	4⅝	4⅝
Exxon	40⅝	41⅛
Farah Inc	7⅝	8⅛
Fedders	6	5⅝

	Nov 17	Nov 16
Firestone	33⅝	34⅝
Fst Chicago	22⅝	23
Fst Int Bncp	39⅝	40
Fst Penn C	8⅝	8⅝
FT Wachva	32⅝	33
Ford Motor	75⅝	77
GAF Cp	44⅝	44⅝
GTE Cp	35	35⅝
Gen Cp	69½	70⅛
Gn Dynam	47⅛	48⅝
Gen Electric	45	45⅝
Gen Inst	25	25⅝
Gen Mills	45	45⅝
Gen Motors	59⅝	60
Gen Pub Ut	23½	23⅝
Genesco	3½	3⅝
Georgia Pac	33	34⅛
Gillette	29⅝	31
Goodrich	33½	33⅝
Goodyear	46⅝	46⅛
Gould Inc	12⅝	12⅝
Grace Cp	44½	45⅛
Grt Atl Pac	35	35⅝
Greyhnd	24⅝	25⅛
Gruman	21⅛	20⅝
Gulf & West	68	68½
Heinz	38	39
Hercules	45⅛	46⅝
Hewlett Pk	50⅝	50⅝
Honeywell	56	56⅝
IC Ind	28⅝	29⅛
ITT Cp	47½	49
INCO	15½	15⅝
Ing Rand Wi	31½	32⅛
Inland Steel	22⅝	23⅛
IBM	117⅝	120
Int Paper	36½	37⅛
Irving Bk	49⅛	49½
Jhsn & Jhsn	76⅝	78
K Mart	28⅝	29⅝
Kaisertech	10	10⅝
Kerr McGee	32⅛	32⅛
Kimbrly Clrk	53½	53½
Kraft	45⅛	46⅝
Kroger	26½	26⅝
LTV Cp	2⅝	2⅝
Litton	76⅝	76⅝
Lockheed	37⅝	37⅝
Lucky Str	23⅝	24⅛
Man Hnwr	25⅛	25⅛
Manville	2⅝	2⅝
Mapco	42⅛	42½
Marine Mid	82	82
Mt Marneta	40½	38⅝
Masco	23⅝	23½
Mcdonalds	44	44⅝
McDonnell	58⅝	59
Mead Cp	28⅝	29
Merck	171	174⅛
Minsta Mng	61⅛	63
Mobil	35⅝	37⅝
Monsanto	70	71⅛
Morgan Jp	36⅛	36⅝
Motorola	42⅛	42⅝
NCR	64⅝	64½
NL Industrs	5⅛	5⅝
Nat Distil	55	55½
Nat Md Ent	19⅝	19⅝
Nat Semi	12⅛	12⅝
Norfolk Sth	33	33⅝
NW Bancrp	36⅛	36⅝
Occid Petl	25⅛	25⅝
Ogden Cp	28⅝	28
Olin Cp	36⅝	36
PPG Ind	32⅛	31⅝
Pac Gas El	17⅛	18
Pan Am	3⅝	3⅝
Penney JC	43⅝	45⅝
Pennzoil	69	68⅝

	Nov 17	Nov 16
Pepsico	32⅝	32⅝
Pfizer	51⅛	52⅝
Phelps Dod	37⅛	37⅝
Philip Mor	88⅛	89⅛
Philip Ptrl	11⅝	11⅝
Polaroid	21⅝	21⅛
Primerica	26⅝	26⅝
Proct Gble	84⅝	86
Pub S E G	24⅛	24½
Raytheon	67⅝	67⅝
Rynlds Metl	43⅝	44½
Rockwell Int	18⅝	19½
Royal Dutch	106⅝	107⅛
SFE Sopac	48⅝	49⅝
Sara Lee	35⅝	35⅝
Schlumb	31⅛	32½
Scott Pap	64	66
Seagram	55⅝	55⅝
Sears Roeb	36	37
Shell Trans	70⅝	70⅝
Singer	49⅛	49⅝
Smith Beck	47⅛	48⅝
Sony Cp	32⅝	34⅛
Sth Cal Ed	31⅛	31⅝
SW Bell	36⅛	36⅝
Squibb	66½	68⅝
Sterl Drug	50⅝	51⅛
Stevens JP	27⅛	27½
Sun Comp	49	48⅝
TRW Inc	41⅛	41⅝
Teledyne	270½	274⅛
Tenneco	40⅝	41⅛
Texaco	30⅛	30⅛
Tex Eastn	23⅛	23⅛
Texas Inst	41⅛	43
Tex Util	28½	28½
Textron	21⅝	21½
Travelers	35⅝	35⅛
USG	29½	29⅝
USX Cp	28⅝	28⅝
Unilever Plc	32⅛	33⅝
Un Carbide	23	23½
Un Pac Cp	54⅝	55⅝
Unisys Cp	31⅛	32⅝
Utd Brands	39	39
Utd Tech	32⅝	34⅛
Unocal	28½	28⅝
Walter Jim	59	59
Warn Lamb	68⅝	68½
Wells Far	40⅝	41⅛
Westg El	44⅛	45⅝
Weyerhsr	35½	36½
Whirlpool	26⅝	26⅛
Woolworth	35⅝	36⅛
Xerox Cp	57⅝	58½
Zenith	14⅛	14⅛

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	22⅝	23
Alcan Alum	31⅝	32⅛
Algoma Stl	15	15
Can Pacific	19⅛	20
Cominco	12⅛	13
Con Bathurst	16	16⅝
Hawk S Can	19⅛	19
Hud Bay M	18⅛	18⅛
Imasco	25⅝	26
Imperial Oil	53⅝	55⅛
Int Pipe	41⅛	40⅝
Royl Trstco	13⅝	13⅝
Seagram	73⅝	73
Shelco 'A'	31	18⅝
Thmsn N 'A'	27⅛	27
Vanty Cp	2⅛	3
WCT	14⅛	15
Weston	32⅛	32⅛

RECENT ISSUES

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Butte Mining (100p)	110 –5
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Dolphin Packg (105p)	115
Explaura	25½
Fairway Ldn	78
Hard Rock Cafe	148 +3
Do 'A'	108 –2
ISA Intl (80p)	96
Knobs Knockers	87 –3
Lloyd Thomp (170p)	188 +3
Marcol Group	68 +2
Power Corp	72 –1
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Cityvision N/P	¼
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Feedex N/P	4
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Securiguard N/P	¾
TR Energy N/P	¾

(Issue price in brackets).

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offr	Chg
485	185	Abelscot	200	230	nc
56	18	Aber Am Pet	24	28	+1
150	110	Allied Ins	131	141	nc
315	36	Amercoour	33	38	nc
111	55	Andaman Res	65	70	nc
285	116	Broadcast	160	180	+10
192	81	Camotech	70	80	–5
103	45	Catalyst	65	70	+2
203	143	Chelsea Art	150	165	nc
110	40	Chemex Intl	40	50	nc
159	100	Comac	95	105	–2
151	50	Corion Bch	77	82	–1
228	135	Crown Eye	145	155	+3
65	11	Eglinton	16	18	–1
45	9	Do Wrnts	9	11	nc
188	65	Fitr E Res	63	73	nc
110	62	Gardner (J)	60	70	nc
53	20	Honorbilt	26	30	nc
73	43	Kemp (PE)	43	48	nc
181	56	Leading Ltr	62	67	nc
95	60	Lynx Tech	67	72	nc
180	88	Medicace	84	94	nc
80	15	Pub Hldgs	38	43	nc
128	65	Seacon	80	90	nc
67	35	Theme Hldgs	45	55	nc
715	133	UPL	130	140	nc
140	103	Unit Group	107	117	nc

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.00%
Adam & Company	9.00%
BCCI	9.00%
Consolidated Crds	9.00%
Co-operative Bank	9.00%
C. Hoare & Co	9.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.00%
Lloyds Bank	9.00%
Nat Westminster	9.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.00%
TSB	9.00%
Citibank NA	9.50%

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Allid Lyon (*330)	300	53	67	70	15	22	27
	330	33	47	60	27	36	50
	360	18	30	40	48	55	60
Bass (*785)	750	68	90	110	35	52	63
	800	40	70	88	63	77	88
	850	25	50	67	95	110	120
Brit Air (*131)	130	16	28	30	14	21	25
	140	12	23	27	21	27	33
	160	7	15	20	37	40	45
Brit Coal (*320)	300	50	70	80	22	40	50
	330	30	50	65	40	55	60
	360	15	33	45	55	70	75
Brit Gas (*135)	120	25	29	34	7	12	14
	130	18	25	26	11	16	20
	140	—	19	22	—	22	25
BP (*261)	240	35	43	55	8	18	25
	250	22	32	47	15	25	35
	280	—	22	35	—	38	45
Bristol (*199)	200	27	40	50	20	29	36
	220	15	30	40	38	43	52
	240	12	22	30	48	60	65
Cons Gold (*780)	750	110	150	170	50	90	130
	800	85	120	150	80	130	170
	850	60	100	130	120	180	215
Courtauld (*344)	300	53	80	88	14	23	31
	330	46	63	72	28	38	47
	360	33	48	58	45	55	65
	390	18	37	45	65	75	85
Com Union (*304)	300	40	55	65	27	40	55
	330	25	40	50	40	50	75
	360	12	25	35	65	80	90
C & W (*322)	280	80	90	110	8	16	27
	280	65	77	95	12	25	37
	300	50	70	85	22	35	47
	330	35	53	75	37	52	62
GEC (*170)	160	25	35	42	10	18	23
	180	14	23	39	23	29	33
	200	6	14	25	36	40	47
GKN (*285)	240	60	72	80	12	23	27
	260	47	60	70	16	32	40
	280	35	50	62	25	42	50
	300	27	42	53	37	53	62
Grand Met (*392)	360	55	63	75	18	25	33
	390	35	45	55	37	40	55
	420	20	30	40	45	55	70
	460	12	18	27	80	90	95
ICI (*1036)	1000	110	135	170	48	85	105
	1050	85	110	150	75	115	130
	1100	65	90	130	105	140	155
	1150	45	72	110	140	175	180
Jaguar (*307)	300	42	55	68	30	45	53
	330	26	43	60	47	63	70
	360	20	33	48	68	83	90
Land Sec (*455)	390	87	102	120	10	13	20
	420	62	80	100	17	22	33
	460	42	60	77	35	40	48
M & S (*185)	180	22	30	40	12	16	22
	200	12	22	28	34	28	34
	220	7	16	20	40	44	46
R-Royce (*114)	110	16	24	27	12	17	21
	120	12	19	25	18	22	27
	130	8	15	22	24	28	33
	140	6	11	19	33	36	40
Shell (*1028)	950	120	155	180	55	80	110
	1000	90	130	160	85	112	130
	1050	70	105	140	95	140	155
Storehse (*265)	220	55	65	75	9	16	20
	240	43	55	63	15	22	25
	260	30	43	53	23	33	32
	280	20	35	43	33	42	45
Trafalgar (*307)	280	37	55	62	17	25	32
	300	30	38	47	30	38	43
	330	15	27	35	47	56	62
TSB (*112)	100	20	23	28	6	8	12
	110	13	18	23	8	14	17
	120	8	14	18	18	20	20
Woolworth (*285)	260	55	70	80	10	17	22
	280	40	55	65	20	30	35
	300	35	40	50	40	45	55
	330	17	25	30	60	60	70

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad (*115)	100	27	33	40	10	13	16
	110	20	25	33	10	16	20
	120	14	20	28	18	20	28
Barclays (*443)	420	50	65	80	17	30	40
	460	25	45	60	40	55	65
	500	10	25	40	70	80	90
Beecham (*446)	360	60	105	120	5	15	24
	390	65	85	100	12	25	33
	420	45	68	85	32	35	48
	460	28	50	70	48	58	67
Boots (*217)	220	17	30	37	20	27	33
	240	9	22	30	35	40	46
	260	6	15	20	50	55	60
BTR (*255)	240	30	40	45	15	19	23
	280	15	30	35	20	27	35
	300	10	22	27	35	40	46
Blue Circ (*350)	300	62	76	85	6	15	25
	330	40	55	72	13	23	35
	360	—	40	52	—	36	50
Dixons (*228)	220	26	42	50	18	23	28
	240	15	30	38	27	33	38
	260	12	20	30	40	45	48
De Beers (*910)	1050	80	—	—	130	—	—
	1100	30	—	—	200	—	—
De Beers (*1071)	1200	15	—	—	300	—	—
	1300	10	—	—	400	—	—
Glaxo (*1071)	1000	115	175	210	33	72	92
	1050	85	145	185	53	92	113
	1100	60	125	160	80	120	140
	1150	40	100	140	115	150	170
Hanson (*129)	110	22	25	30	2	6	9
	120	15	19	24	5	10	14
	130	9	13	19	10	15	20
	140	5	9	15	17	21	26
Lonrho (*209)	200	25	35	42	14	29	35
	220	15	25	32	22	32	37
	240	—	15	23	—	47	52
	260	—	8	16	—	65	70
Midland (*388)	330	70	85	100	8	17	25
	360	50	65	80	20	35	40
	390	30	45	65	25	45	55
Sears (*127)	120	17	24	30	7	10	15
	130	11	17	23	13	17	21
	140	7	13	17	22	25	28
Tesco (*159)	140	25	34	38	4	10	13
	160	—	33	28	—	17	22
	167	7	—	—	19	—	—
Thorn EMI (*509)	420	107	120	145	11	20	25
	460	70	95	115	19	30	45
	500	46	70	83	35	45	60
	550	23	47	65	62	75	85
THF (*200)	180	33	43	50	10	18	25
	200	20	33	40	18	30	38
	220	10	20	27	37	42	48
Unilever (*458)	420	57	78	90	15	27	40
	460	32	58	70	32	47	60
	500	18	40	55	60	70	85
Wellcome (*361)	300	70	85	95	8	15	25
	330	45	65	75	15	23	35
	360	27	53	60	30	37	48

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA (*107)	90	18	28	33	¼	12	15
	100	8	23	28	¼	15	20
	110	¼	18	25	5	20	27
Brit Aero (*318)	300	20	52	63	2	28	43
	330	3	38	48	15	43	62
	360	2	28	37	45	60	80
BAT Ind (*442)	390	60	80	90	1	15	23
	420	30	58	73	1	35	40
	460	2	40	55	18	47	60
	500	2	27	38	63	70	80
Brit Tele (*226)	220	6	27	35	¼	21	28
	240	¼	18	27	14	33	36
	260	½	9	20	34	47	52
Cadbury (*222)	200	24	38	45	1	10	16
	220	4	23	32	3	19	24
	240	1	15	19	20	28	35
Gaimess (*231)	240	6	23	33	20	30	38
	260	3	13	23	33	47	53
	280	2	8	15	53	60	68
Ladbroke (*312)	280	34	55	65	1½	12	20
	300	15	42	55	3	25	33
	330	2	27	40	23	40	45
LASMO (*238)	220	20	40	58	1	20	32
	240	3	30	43	5	29	43
	260	1	23	33	25	40	55
Pilkington (*213)	180	35	50	64	1	10	15
	200	15	37	50	3	17	23
	220	3	27	40	10	27	32
	240	1	17	30	30	40	46
Plessey (*150)	140	10	29	33	¼	13	16
	160	¼	16	23	12	25	30
	180	¼	12	17	32	37	45
P & O (*478)	420	58	83	105	1	12	17
	460	18	52	77	3	27	33
	500	3	32	58	26	50	60
Prudential (*833)	750	90	120	150	3	30	50
	800	40	95	120	3	50	70
	850	5	70	90	30	76	96
Racal (*236)	200	37	47	57	¼	8	13
	220	17	35	45	¼	15	20
	240	¼	27	37	8	27	33
RTZ (*313)	280	50	85	110	1	13	20
	290	30	70	90	2	22	30
	300	10	50	80	7	30	55
	330	—	35	60	—	50	70
Vest Reef (*96)	100	1	12	18	6	18	23
	110	1½	9	13	17	25	30
	120	1	6	9	27	35	40
Tr 11¼% 1991 (*£108)	102	5⅝	5⅝	—	1/32	5/32	—
	104	3⅝	3⅝	—	1/32	13/32	—
	106	1⅝	21/32	—	⅜	19/32	—
	108	5/32	1	—	¾	29/32	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£120)	114	6¼	7 1/32	7⅝	1/32	13/32	23/32
	116	4⅛	5⅝	6⅝	¾	27/32	29/32
	118	2⅞	4⅛	5⅝	1 7/32	2⅝	3⅝
	120	1⅛	3 7/32	4⅛	1 11/32	3¼	4 5/32
	122	⅛	2 5/32	3 5/32	2 21/32	4⅛	5 5/32

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Gains reduced at close

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 9. Dealings end Friday. §Contango day November 23. Settlement day November 30.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 26)

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Lloyds (aa)	Banks,Discount	
2	Racal Elect (aa)	Electricals	
3	GKN (aa)	Industrials E-K	
4	Sequa	Chemicals,Plas	
5	RMC Gp (aa)	Building,Roads	
6	Pifco	Electricals	
7	Reed Executive	Industrials L-R	
8	Low & Bonar	Industrials L-R	
9	Slough Estates	Property	
10	TI	Industrials S-Z	
11	MEPC (aa)	Property	
12	Tootal	Textiles	
13	Prestwich Hldgs	Industrials L-R	
14	Olives Paper	Paper,Print,Adv	
15	Fisons (aa)	Industrials E-K	
16	Kordlaw (A)	Industrials E-K	
17	Jardine Math	Industrials E-K	
18	Rea Bros	Banks,Discount	
19	Crest Nicholson	Building,Roads	
20	Trent	Building,Roads	
21	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	Electricals	
22	Woolworth (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
23	NMW Comp	Electricals	
24	Dawson	Textiles	
25	Bradford	Property	
26	Lon Shop	Property	
27	Quadrant Group	Leisure	
28	Reed Int (aa)	Industrials L-R	
29	Chesterfield	Property	
30	TR Energy	Oil & Gas	
31	SEET	Textiles	
32	BAA (aa)	Industrials A-D	
33	Bespak	Industrials A-D	
34	Delta	Industrials A-D	
35	Aus New Z	Banks,Discount	
36	Bremner	Drapery,Stores	
37	Garton Eng	Industrials E-K	
38	Black Arrow	Industrials A-D	
39	Blagden	Chemicals,Plas	
40	Appledore	Industrials A-D	
41	Dobson Park	Industrials A-D	
42	Etam	Drapery,Stores	
43	Ward Hldgs	Building,Roads	
44	Warner Howard	Industrials S-Z	

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

BREWERIES

BUILDING, ROADS

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

CINEMAS, TV

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
549	289	Anglia TV 'A'	285	295	-3	18.5	5.7	8.0
585	370	Central TV	440	460	-2	24.7	5.5	17.3
132½	39	Grampian	50	55	+2	3.2	6.0	6.8
392	203	HTV N/V	230	250	●	13.4	5.6	6.7
104½	444	LWT Hldgs	685	705	● +1	39.0	5.6	8.6
610	240	Scot TV	345	360	●	21.2	6.0	7.1
454	208	TVS	260	270	●	14.4	5.4	8.0
101	38	TSW	85	65	● +1	3.7	5.0	6.7
540	270	Thames TV	285	295	● +2	17.0	5.9	10.4
404	210	TV AM	247	285	● +2	8.7	3.4	8.8
639	254	Tyne Tees TV	445	460	● +3	30.8	6.8	8.1
170	79	Ulster TV	93	103	● +3	5.1	5.2	8.8
403	150	Yorkshire TV	220	240	● +2	9.6	4.2	12.5

DRAPERY, STORES

ELECTRICALS

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FINANCE, LAND

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

FOODS

HOTELS, CATERERS

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
307	137	Friendly Hotels	158	162	● +1	2.0	1.3	23.7
604	343	Grand Met (aa)	387	393	+5	14.7	3.8	13.1
470	205	Kennedy Brookes	250	260	● -4	3.0	1.2	9.9
478	272	Ladbroke (aa)	305	313	r +2	17.9	5.8	13.7
56	19	Norfolk Cap Gp	25	26	-1	0.6	2.4	29.7
165	88	Mount Charlotte	103	107		2.4	2.3	18.3
113½	65	Queens Moat	83	85	-3	2.5	3.0	19.5
680	378	Savoy Hotels 'A'	620	630	-3	5.5	0.9	21.1
144	62	Stakis	77	80		2.0	2.5	18.9
292	171	Trusthouse Fr (aa)	200	203	+3	8.5	4.2	17.1

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INSURANCE

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MINING

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

OILS, GAS

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
223	77	Challenger	130	140	..	9.7	7.2	20.0
130	79	Finlay (James)	88	92	..	5.7	6.3	
752	326	Harrison Crosfield	500	510	● -3	32.9b	6.5	18.2
950	330	Inchcape	538	545	● -1	30.6	5.6	12.9
363	180	Lonrho (aa)	203	207	-6	16.3	8.0	9.7
120	45	Ocean Wilson	58	63	+1	3.4	5.6	9.5
416	205	Paterson Zoch	280	290	●	9.7	3.4	6.7
416	205	Do 'A'	280	290	●	9.7	3.4	7.3
423	105	Polly Peck	252	258	+1	6.6	3.8	5.4
106	30	Sime Darby	50	60	+3			
224	56	Tozer Kemsley	58	63	+2	1.6	2.6	6.2

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

PROPERTY

SHIPPING

SHOES, LEATHER

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
185	45	Headlam Sims	80	90	..	0.7	0.8	
410	261	Lambert Howarth	300	320	..	10.3	3.3	12.8

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TEXTILES

TOBACCOS

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
708	396	BAT (aa)	433	440	● ..	21.0	4.8	10.3
183	118	Carroll	115	140	● ..			
499	238	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	355	363	+12	10.6	3.0	8.9

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	118.0	124.6	+0.5	9.63
Hi Inc Equity	108.5	116.0	-1.5	4.74
Worldwide Bd	185.4	198.4	+0.4	4.89
American Gth	125.7	133.3	+0.9	1.75
Asian Pacific	55.8	59.4		1.65
Assets & Earns	129.2	138.1	-0.9	1.70
Capital Res	78.4	78.9		1.31
Comm Energy	92.6	99.0	-1.1	
Euro Capital	65.6	70.1	+0.2	1.07
General	134.5	143.8	-2.8	3.13
Japan	74.4	79.5	-1.6	
UK Gth Inc	119.4	127.6	-1.1	1.77
Do Acc	174.1	186.1	-1.5	1.37
US Emerg Co	35.1	37.5	-0.1	0.00
Income Gth	214.4	229.3	-4.3	3.35
Master Acc	69.2	79.8	+0.3	4.19
American Inc	38.7	41.3	+0.1	6.34
Ethical Tst	36.8	38.3	-0.5	3.18
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD 401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
Euro Gth Acc	99.5	106.0	-1.9	1.21
Exempt	338.2	358.2	-0.9	5.32
Far Eastern	172.8	185.5	+1.6	0.10
Fin & Prop	72.8	78.2	-0.2	2.77
Hi Yield	65.4	69.2	+0.2	5.42
Income & Gth	269.6	285.8	+0.1	4.97
Int Earnings	163.0	172.7	-0.6	2.17
Int Growth Inc	79.9	85.1	+0.1	0.24
Japan Gth Acc	122.7	131.0	+1.3	0.20
N Amer Gth Inc	108.7	116.2	-1.1	2.81
Preference Inc	122.3	129.5	+0.4	9.57
Sml Co Div Inc	81.6	86.4	+0.3	4.44
Sml Co Gth	258.0	274.4	-2.3	1.76
Spec Sits Inc	121.1	128.2	+0.2	1.57
UK Growth	332.9	352.5	-0.6	3.85
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 28291 dealing 0793 610366				
High Income	272.3	288.6	-0.3	5.01
Equity Inc	154.7	164.0	+0.1	4.73
High Yield	158.4	167.9	-0.2	5.28
Balanced	379.8	402.6	-0.2	3.39
Amer Inc	25.7	27.4	-0.1	4.82
World Ass Val	22.3	23.7	-0.2	1.00
Japan	118.1	125.6	+1.1	0.01
Sec of Amer	168.2	179.1	-1.9	0.78
Asset Value	259.3	276.0	-0.9	3.18
O'seas Earn	187.1	198.3	-0.6	3.57
Recovery	89.7	95.1	-0.2	2.89
UK Spec Sit	233.5	247.5	-1.6	2.21
Smlr Co	153.7	162.9	-0.5	2.19
Capital	222.3	235.8	-0.4	2.89
Amer Spec Sit	51.3	54.6	-0.6	1.33
International	84.1	89.6	-1.8	1.27
Growth & Inc	138.2	146.5		3.29
Euro Gth	17.7	18.9	-0.2	1.03
Pacific	181.1	192.9	+1.8	0.01
2nd Smlr Co	191.2	202.7	+0.2	2.15
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS 20, Chiswell Street, London EC1 01-374 8001				
American	37.3	39.8	-0.6	2.28
Australian	16.3	17.4	-0.2	1.98
Japan & Gen	138.5	147.4	+2.6	0.03
High Income	49.5	52.8	-0.5	5.76
International	80.3	85.5	+0.9	0.63
Income Growth	57.2	61.0		4.89
Gilt/Fixed Int	22.2	22.7		10.19
Global Inc	33.0	35.2		3.51
Spec Sit	53.0	56.5		1.56
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 01-534 5544				
Capital	70.7	75.2	-0.1	2.95
Euro Gth Inc	57.7	61.3	-1.6	1.46
Extra Income	84.7	90.1	-0.1	5.29
General	147.4	156.8	-0.5	3.17
Gilt & Fixed Inc	54.1	56.9		9.67
Income Tst	358.7	381.5	+2.5	3.97
Int Income	49.2	52.3	-0.5	4.35
Smlr Co Inc	35.7	38.0	-0.3	0.82
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	409.8			4.85
Acc	212.7165			
Deposit	100.0			9.41
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS 72/73 Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP 01-606 6622				
S/C Spec Sit	55.1	58.3	-2.2	0.50
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373393				
Amer Gth	16.9	18.0	-0.1	0.00
Atlas Gth	20.5	21.7	-0.2	0.50
Dragon Gth	18.2	19.4	+0.3	0.00
Equity Hi Inc	50.7	53.7	+0.1	4.50
European Gth	21.8	23.2	-0.7	0.50
Gen Equity	43.4	46.0	-0.1	2.10
G/F Intrst Gth	32.7	34.5		6.00
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.2	26.8		8.80
Int Income Tst	22.0	23.5	-0.1	5.30
Japan Gth	37.1	39.5	+0.5	0.00
Pedigree Gth	25.6	27.2		2.10
Special Sits	32.0	34.0	-0.2	0.90
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	49.1	52.2		2.16
Do Acc	49.3	52.4		2.16
Income Inc	53.0	56.4		2.89
Do Acc	53.9	57.3		2.89
Worldwide Inc	39.8	42.6	-0.3	1.13
Do Acc	39.9	42.7	-0.3	1.13
General Inc	30.0	31.9	-0.2	1.01
Do Acc	30.0	31.9	-0.2	1.01
Amer Gth	47.1	50.1	-0.6	0.99
Euro Gth	47.5	50.5	-0.7	0.70
Far East	47.8	50.9	+0.1	0.22
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
Amer Tst	100.2	106.5	-2.2	0.92
Canadian Gth	16.8	18.2	-0.5	1.50
European Tst	87.7	94.8		
Growth Tst	233.2	252.1	-0.8	3.38
High Income	276.7	299.1	-2.4	5.45
Int Tech Tst	97.6	105.5	-0.6	
Japanese Tst	173.5	187.6	+3.5	

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 75.2 (day's range 75.0-75.2).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for November 18

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New York	1.7600-1.7730	1.7720-1.7730	0.29-0.26pr	0.84-0.80pr
Montreal	2.3153-2.3302	2.3271-2.3302	0.10-0.06pr	0.11-0.22ds
Amsterdam	3.3573-3.3692	3.3646-3.3692	1⅞-1pr	3⅝-3⅛pr
Brussels	62.36-62.60	62.36-62.52	12-9pr	33-28pr
Copenhagen	11.4778-11.5241	11.4897-11.5136	⅞-1⅞ds	3⅛-4⅛ds
Dublin	1.1198-1.1236	1.1223-1.1233	par-5ds	6pr-1ds
Frankfurt	2.9808-2.9894	2.9808-2.9851	1⅝-1⅛pr	3⅞-3⅜pr
Lisbon	240.24-243.38	241.47-243.38	48-103ds	242-371ds
Madrid	201.16-201.96	201.49-201.96	73-113ds	239-294ds
Milan	2186.48-2195.97	2186.48-2191.28	5-8ds	14-21ds
Oslo	11.3124-11.4059	11.3817-11.4059	5⅝-5⅞ds	16⅝-16⅞ds
Paris	10.0905-10.1302	10.0921-10.1158	⅞pr-⅛ds	⅛-1⅛ds
Stockholm	10.7289-10.7995	10.7847-10.7995	⅜pr-⅛ds	1-1⅛ds
Tokyo	238.97-239.84	239.43-239.84	1-⅞pr	2⅝-2⅜pr
Vienna	21.00-21.04	21.01-21.04	7⅞-6⅞pr	22⅞-19⅞pr
Zurich	244.07-245.05	244.65-245.05	1⅞-1⅞pr	3⅛-2⅞pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	6.9089-7.0009
Australia dollar	2.5297-2.5349
Bahrain dinar	0.6620-0.6660
Brazil cruzado*	104.23-104.91
Cyprus pound	0.8000-0.8100
Finland marka	7.2825-7.3225
Greece drachma	233.00-235.00
Hong Kong dollar	13.7281-13.7378
India rupee	22.85-23.05
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4890-0.4930
Malaysia dollar	4.4087-4.4131
Mexico peso	29.65-30.15
New Zealand dollar	2.8375-2.8484
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.6575-6.6275
Singapore dollar	3.5868-3.6027
S Africa rand (fin)	5.6974-5.7648
S Africa rand (com)	3.5143-3.5234
U A E dirham	6.4500-6.4900

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5665-1.5680	Denmark	6.5400-6.5450	Italy	1243.5-1244.5
Singapore	2.0440-2.0450	W Germany	1.6955-1.6965	Belgium (Com)	35.48-35.51
Malaysia	2.5040-2.5050	Switzerland	1.3895-1.3905	Hong Kong	7.7960-7.7970
Australia	0.6950-0.6960	Netherlands	1.9095-1.9105	Portugal	137.00-137.50
Canada	1.3155-1.3165	France	5.7475-5.7500	Spain	114.40-114.50
Sweden	6.1025-6.1075	Japan	135.90-136.00	Austria	11.93-11.95
Norway	6.4450-6.4500				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 9 Finance Hse 10½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 9 Low 8 Week fixed: 8⅝
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 8⅝ 3 mth – 8⅝
Selling: 2 mth – 8¹⁹⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 8¹⁷⁄₃₂
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 8⅝-8²⁵⁄₃₂ 2 mth: 8²⁷⁄₃₂-8⅝ 3 mth: 8¹⁹⁄₃₂-8⁹⁄₁₆
6 mth 8¹⁹⁄₃₂-8¹⁵⁄₃₂
Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 9⅛ 2 mth: 9⁵⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 9³⁄₃₂
6 mth 9³⁄₃₂
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 8⅞ close 10
1 week: 8¹⁵⁄₁₆-8¹³⁄₁₆ 1 mth: 8¹⁵⁄₁₆-8¹³⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 9-8⅞
6 mth: 9-8⅞ 9 mth: 9¹⁄₁₆-8¹⁵⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 9⅛-9
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 8⅞ 7 day: 8⅞ 1 mth: 8⅞
3 mth: 8⅞ 6 mth: 8⅞ 12 mth: 8⅞
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 9¹⁄₁₆-8¹⁵⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 9¹⁄₁₆-8¹⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 9¹⁄₁₆-8¹⁵⁄₁₆
6 mth: 9⅛-9⅛ 9 mth: 9³⁄₁₆-9¹⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 9⁵⁄₁₆-9³⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs (%)
1 mth: 8¹⁵⁄₁₆-8¹³⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 8⅞-8⅞ 6 mth: 8¹⁵⁄₁₆-8¹¹⁄₁₆
12 mth: 8¹³⁄₁₆-8¹¹⁄₁₆

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mth: 6.95-6.90 3 mth: 7.35-7.30 6 mth: 7.45-7.40
12 mth: 8.00-7.95

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹³⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₁₆	7⅞-7⅞	7¹⁵⁄₁₆-7¹³⁄₁₆
Call: 6⅞-5⅞				
Deutschemark:	3⅞-3⅞	3¹¹⁄₁₆-3⁹⁄₁₆	4-3⅞	4⅛-4¹⁄₁₆
Call: 4-3				
French Franc:	9-8⅞	9-8⅞	9¹⁄₁₆-8¹⁵⁄₁₆	9⅞-8⅞
Call: 9⅞-8⅞				
Swiss Franc:	2-1⅞	3⅞-3⅞	4⅞-4	4⅞-4
Call: 1⅞-⅞				
Yen:	3⅞-3⅞	4¹⁄₁₆-3¹⁵⁄₁₆	4⁷⁄₁₆-4⁵⁄₁₆	4⅞-4⅞
Call: 3⅞-2⅞				

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: October 30, 1987. Agreed rates November 25, 1987 to December 25, 1987. Scheme I: 11.35 per cent. Schemes II & III: 11.29 per cent. Reference rate October 1, 1987 to October, 30, 1987. Scheme IV: 10.054 per cent.

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $464.50-465.00 Close: $463.75-464.25
High: $464.50-465.00 Low: $462.50-463.00

COINS: Per coin (*Ex VAT)
Britannia: $477.50-482.50 (£269.50-273.00)
Krugerrand*: $463.50-466.50 (£261.75-263.75)
Mapleleaf (1/1oz): $477.50-482.50 (£269.50-273.00)
American Eagles: $477.50-482.50 (£269.50-273.00)
New Sovereigns*: $109.00-110.00 (£61.50-62.25)
Old Sovereigns*: $109.00-110.50 (£61.50-62.50)
Platinum: $504.00 (£285.10)
Palladium: $110.00 (£62.45)
Silver: $6.57-6.59 (£3.710-3.725)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 20184		
Dec 87	91.25	91.25	91.16	91.16	2967
Mar 88	91.22	91.22	91.17	91.18	1069
Jun 88	91.09	91.13	91.09	91.10	70
Sep 88	90.95	90.95	90.95	90.95	14
Dec 88	NT	—	—	90.80	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	90.65	0
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous open interest 38848			
Dec 87	92.45	92.47	92.43	92.45	2920
Mar 88	92.27	92.31	92.26	92.28	1138
Jun 88	91.97	91.99	91.97	91.98	281
Sep 88	91.67	91.68	91.63	91.63	75
Dec 88	NT	—	—	91.35	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	91.13	0

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 6830		
Dec 87	88-25	89-02	88-23	88-25	3037
Mar 88	NT	—	—	87-27	0
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 28032		
Dec 87	122-16	122-27	122-05	122-16	20550
Mar 88	122-08	122-17	122-04	122-15	153
Jun 88	NT	—	—	—	
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 5558		
Dec 87	167.50	170.00	166.50	169.00	1745
Mar 88	170.50	172.50	170.50	172.75	157
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 471		
Dec 87	105.82	106.32	105.82	106.32	146
Mar 88	105.30	105.75	105.30	105.72	546

COMMODITIES

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The oil market tumbled again today amidst poor fundamentals and low confidence in Opec. However, an important level of $17.40 Jan Brent was not breached. Fuel and Gasoil traded hesitantly as all product prices declined from profit taking.

CRUDE OILS (fob/barrel) (USSL FOB)

Brent Phys	17.15	-25
15 day Dec	17.35	-15
15 day Jan	17.55	-15
WTI Dec	18.20	-15
WTI Jan	18.20	-15

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT. Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	-4	176-180	-4
Gasoil EEC	-3	181-183	-2
Non 2H Nov	-5	155-157	-4
Non 1H Dec	-4	155-157	-4
3.5 Fuel Oil	-4	81-83	-3
Naphtha	-2	151-153	-2

GAS OIL G W Joynson

Dec	157.00-56.75
Jan	156.50-56.25
Feb	155.50-50.00
Mar	153.25-52.50
Apr	151.00-50.25
May	149.00-48.00
Jun	unq
Jul	
Aug	
Vol	5263

HVY FUEL OIL Reuter

Dec	77.0-unq
Jan	unq
Vol	5

BIFFEX
GMI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

Jan 88	Hi 1189-1175	Low	Close 1189.0
Apr 88	Hi 1240-1215	Low	Close 1240.0
Jul 88	Hi 1090-1090	Low	Close 1090.0
Oct 88	Hi 1215-1210	Low	Close 1215.0

Vol 202 lots Open interest 1648
Dry cargo index 1186.5 +1.5 on 17/11/87

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	100.00	102.00
Mar	91.00	91.00
Apr	149.00	150.30
May	163.80	163.80
		Vol 244

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson

Dec 1088-087	Sep 1180-179
Mar 1120-119	Dec 1206-205
May 1140-139	Mar 1232-230
Jul 1160-159	Vol 2503

COFFEE G W Joynson

Nov 1236-234	Jul 1340-338
Jan 1269-266	Sep 1365-355
Mar 1294-292	Nov 1390-380
May 1322-320	Vol 2467

SUGAR FOB C Czarnikow Vol: 4084

Dec 174.0-70.4	Aug 176.8-76.0
Mar 176.4-76.2	Oct 178.0-77.8
May 176.2-76.0	Dec 180.4-76.6

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 201
Nv 113.65 Ja 114.90 Mr 116.65
My 119.00 Jl 122.00 Sp 102.25
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 168
Nv 105.75 Ja 107.95 Mr 109.80
My 111.75 Sp 98.70 Nv 100.70

SOYABEAN

Dec 141.0-39.5	Aug 128.0-23.0
Feb 138.5-38.5	Oct 127.0-24.0
Apr 138.0-37.0	Dec 128.0-26.0
Jun 138.0-36.5	Vol n/a

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1470.0-1475.0	1217.0-1219.0	243575	Firmer
Copper Stand	1400.0-1405.0	1205.0-1210.0	325	Quiet
Lead	376.00-376.00	352.50-353.00	74550	Steadier
Zinc Hi Gde	503.00-504.00	502.00-503.00	72925	Steady
Silver Large†	661.00-664.00	673.00-676.00	3	Quiet
Silver Small†	661.00-664.00	673.00-676.00	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium	988.00-989.00	951.00-952.00	152725	Bly Stdy
Aluminium HI*	1745.0-1755.0	1705.0-1715.0	12625	Quiet
Nickel	3295-3305	3265-3270	7488	Steady

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (p/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	unq	
Feb	—	—
Apr	—	—
Jun	—	—

Live Cattle Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	unq	
Feb	—	—
Jan	—	—

Vol Pig — Cattle —

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on November 18

(kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	72.74	186.74	98.78
GB (+/-)	-1.73	-5.83	-0.16
Eng/Wal (%)	-6.0	-7.8	-10.0
Eng/Wal (p)	72.74	186.95	98.65
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-1.73	-5.91	-0.32
Scotland (%)	unq	-41.3	+17.5
Scotland (p)	—	184.11	100.89
Scotland (+/-)	—	-4.47	+0.03

* Estimated dead carcass weight

THE TIMES

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

November 19, 1987

Andrew Colquhoun: Accountants in the technology age must keep a broad view of business

The specialists with a better understanding

Andrew Colquhoun is the director of education and training at the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Those with responsibility for educating and training tomorrow's chartered accountants face a dilemma with horns. First horn: As society's information systems become more complex and as the level of regulation of business increases, so the requirement for specialization by accountants rises. Clients and employers need real experts in tax or information management or corporate finance or whatever.

Second horn: In order to provide these specialist services in a positive and realistic way, newly qualified chartered accountants must develop and retain a broad perspective of business. They need that perspective if they are to operate effectively in a changing commercial environment. Without it, they cannot evaluate the options open to their clients or employers nor can they provide innovative and sensible financial advice and management.

The proposals for the future education and training system for chartered accountants just published by the institute tackle this problem by distinguishing between the pre-qualification training period of three years or so and post-qualification development.

Our aim in the training period, which has to be spent in one of the 1,200 offices of chartered accountants throughout the country authorized to take students, is to provide a broad education that gives the newly qualified a first-class financial business training of an essentialy generalist nature. This will then form a sound basis for subsequent specialization, based on individual initiative and personal responsibility.

Our proposals for the "input" for the pre-qualification period (for example, syllabuses, the nature of on-the-job training and of work experience) have been conditioned by requirements for the "output". In other words, they stress the attributes and the abilities that business looks for in new members.

FIRST, we believe that the newly qualified must understand enough of the way in which businesses operate and of the role of accounting in those businesses to be able to prepare, interpret and present financial information to others – both inside and outside the organization.

Here the aim is to pick up, at least in part, two of the criticisms levelled at some young accountants in the past – that they did not have enough "commercial awareness" and that their communication skills were poor.

SECONDLY, newly qualified chartered accountants need to be able to understand the fundamental aspects of the regulatory environment. The Financial Services Act, 1986 and the Insolvency Act, 1985 are merely the latest two pieces of legislation that affect the way in which accountants operate. More legislation, for instance on the regulation of auditors, is in the pipeline.

THIRDLY, they need to be capable of responding effectively to change. The "changing business environment" is not just a speechwriter's substitute for original thought; it also reflects reality. During the past 10 years or so firms of chartered accountants have diversified into major new areas or work – corporate finance and information technology consultancy, for example.

In addition, old skills such as audit are now performed in new, more innovative ways. Expansion and chance have required considerable flexibility on the part of the people in these organizations. In the future, the need for staff to react positively to change will be even more important.

FINALLY, the newly qualified accountant needs a sound grasp of ethical standards. Independence, integrity and objectivity are clearly desirable attributes in themselves. But, in addition, in marketing terms they provide the profession's "unique selling proposition": they are the qualities that differentiate it from many others in the financial services sector. In short, these are attributes that chartered accountants must retain if they are to keep the confidence of clients and their place in the market.

So much for the "output". How do we plan to change the "input" to achieve the output required? A key aspect is a major overhaul of the syllabus. Out goes much of the rote-learning. Attention to audit and other regulatory work will be as comprehensive as ever, but many of the specialist topics (for example, on detailed aspects of taxation) are postponed into the post-qualification stage.

In comes a broader range of business subjects to ensure that new chartered accountants have the ability to contribute effectively to all parts of an organization's operations. To that extent, the institute's qualification will move closer to the Master of Business Administration degrees offered by business schools. But the qualifiction of chartered accountants will continue to offer a depth of training and experience in financial matters that no business degree will ever be able to achieve.

Changes to the syllabus are matched in the proposals by changes in methods of assessment. We are already due to introduce objective testing in 1988. The latest proposals also include a multi-discipline case study to ensure that students can integrate their knowledge just as they will need to do in a practical situation.

In addition, the institute is to commission research on other aspects of assessment, for example open book examinations, and continuous assessment in the training offices. The syllabus changes will also be matched by a more deliberate phasing of the student's education. For the intermediate examination stage, students will be assessed on topics that do not necessarily need prior work experience. The aim of this stage will be to provide students with a strong conceptual basis of their subject and with analytical skills.

The final stage, leading to qualification, will develop an understanding of the environment in which the accountant operates. It helps, too, to provide the ability to apply knowledge and skills and is reinforced by and at least partly dependent on work experience.

This more deliberate phasing will enable the profession to make more effective use of national educational resources. At present, the 20 per cent or so of students who have accounting or similar degrees receive no credit in the institute's examination system except at foundation level. We are now proposing to allow students who have taken a "specially approved" degree to claim exemptions from much of the institute's intermediate examination.

This will require some careful negotiation with accounting and business studies departments to balance the requirement for consistency and equity for students with the need to maintain academic freedom. Our current accreditation system, however, works well for the foundation stage and we are confident that it will be possible to extend the system to bring benefits to students, their training offices and academic departments.

The change to the phasing of the education of chartered accountant students will also allow the training offices a greater choice as to when and how they send their students on study courses. The offices will either be able to devise block release schemes or to adopt systems that intersperse education and work experience more closely. The result should be that a firm will be able to educate its students in ways that best match its particular circumstances and the needs of its clients.

These proposals are now being circulated to all those, inside and outside the profession, with an interest in how tomorrow's chartered accountants should be trained. If they find favour and are then endorsed by the institute's council, the new policies will be in operation for students entering training in 1990.

We are confident the new system will produce chartered accountants with a well rounded business training, the ability to adapt to change and strong communication skills, as well as the high standards of financial expertise and ethics already expected by the business world.

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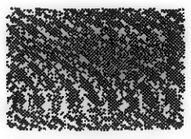

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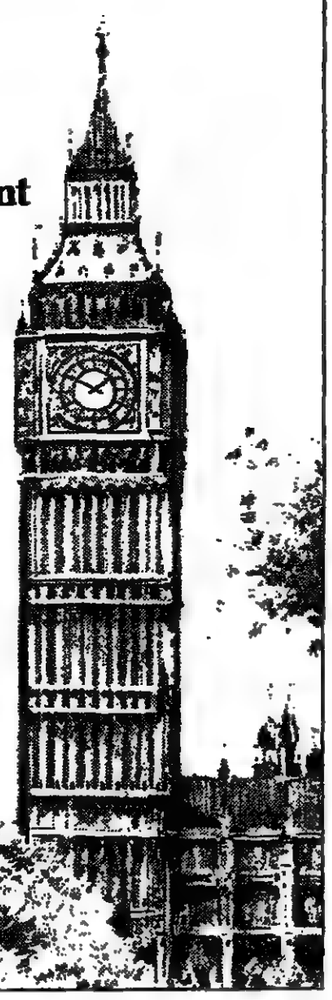

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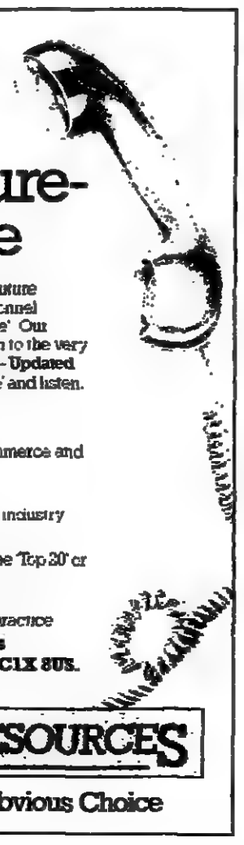

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The big businesss of giving

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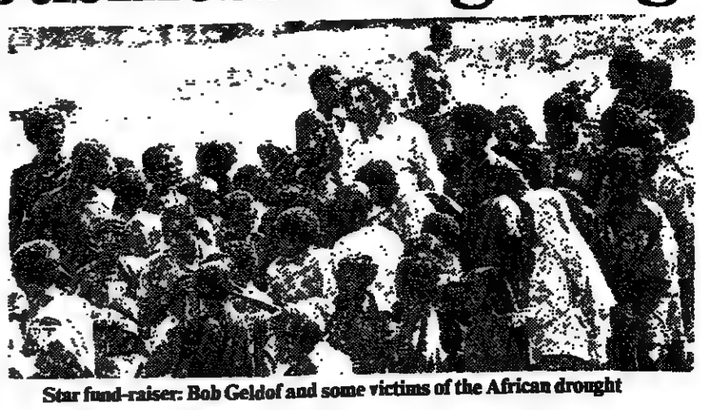

Star fund-raiser: Bob Geldof and some victims of the African drought

It sounds odd, but charities are becoming a sizeable growth sector in the economy. There are just under 158,000 registered charities and the number is growing at about 4,000 a year. Their combined annual income is more than £10 billion and some 200 have yearly revenues of between £470,000 and £56 million.

But what is a charity? "It's a body set up exclusively for charitable purposes," says the Charities Commission, which adds that there is no official definition.

In practice, bodies which come under that heading and qualify for a wide variety of tax concessions are those which exist to advance education or religion, to relieve poverty or to benefit the community in general. They cover a spectrum from overseas aid, medical care and research, the arts, animal welfare and conservation down to some fairly fringey religious sects.

The biggest is Band Aid which, guided by Bob Geldof, came from nowhere to being more than twice the size of Oxfam's £20-million charity. Its spectacular success in raising money through all kinds of razzmatazz had some important lessons for charities.

"It really took them out of the tin-on-the-street-corner age," says Olga Johnson, of Charity Recruitment which was founded a year ago to help charities find the more professional staff they now need. "They've become very competitive, especially in fund-raising."

Charities now use direct mail, retail outlets and public appeals on the scale of major advertising campaigns to increase the 12.5 per cent of revenue that comes from private donations – a surprisingly high 65 per cent comes from the Government. They are also wooing business, which has been encouraged to help charities by the Government's "Give As You Earn" scheme. Under that, employees can contribute up to £120 a year out of their pay to a charity of their choice, free of tax.

Companies can do their bit by various forms of sponsorship, ranging from lending technical and specialist staff to providing office and other equipment, such as vehicles.

Running organizations which have become big businesses in their own right, as is happening with many charities, calls for a different breed of staff from the enthusiastic amateurs who used to figure in some of them in the past. "The demand now is for people with a strong business background, especially in marketing and finance, and for professional skills," says Ms Johnson.

Unlike her competitors, Charity Appointments, which deals only with more senior staff, she also helps recruit secretaries, office workers and nurses as well as professionals in a wide variety of fields. At the moment she is conducting about 60 job searches on behalf of clients. Her firm has a strong bias towards the social and medical care end of the market.

‘Band Aid's razzmatazz success in raising money had some important lessons for charities’

But what sort of people want to work in charities? A high proportion are graduates, which is not surprising. What is, is the number of letters she gets from senior executives with safe jobs who, having reached their forties, are looking for a change of direction; and from returning expatriates who feel they have made enough money abroad.

"Wanting to put something back into the community is a phrase that comes up fairly often," she says. She is also approached by those who have been made redundant or given early retirement. That is not a disadvantage provided they have the right experience, though she says that those without specific skills are hard to place.

She stresses that working for a charity "is not a doddle, or a way of filling in a few quiet years before retirement." The ideal age, as far as she is concerned, is between 30-55 when people still have many more years of active working life in them and can handle the long hours that working for a charity involves.

"The demands in terms of time and commitment can be at least as great as in a high-pressure business," she warns.

In reply to on-spec letters she, like Geoffrey Elms of Charity Appointments, sends out a questionnaire in which applicants are asked to define their qualifications, experience and objectives. These are then matched on a computer against vacancies notified by clients. Suitable people are interviewed and a shortlist is sent to the client who pays a fee when an appointment is made.

In both cases, the fees are modest by commercial recruitment standards. So how far does the fact that the employer is a charity affect the remuneration packages? That, too, is changing.

"Salaries are lower than in the private sector, but they're not negligible," she says. "A high-powered marketing director earning, say, £50,000 in industry, could get a job in a major charity at around £25,000 – plus fringe benefits which used to be unheard of."

The differentials in jobs lower down the scale are much smaller. In a secretarial job they would not be more than £1,000 a year or so. Mr Elms confirms that, "Charities are no longer thinking about how little they can pay. A person who can make a real contribution to the success of an organization has to be paid something close to market rates."

The area in which Charity Recruitment is finding most demand is fund raising and its related administrative, PR and marketing skills. Retailing is also now a part of the picture, through the spread of charity shops, and that is an area where charities are looking to expand. According to the Charities Aid Foundation, at present only 0.3 per cent of their income comes from "commercial activities."

Fund raising appointments are generally for a fixed term. There is, however, little scope for part-timers, except in some of the very small charities.

An indication of size and scope of almost all the organizations involved can be found in *The Directory of Voluntary Organizations*, published annually by the Bedford Square Press (ISBN 07199 113 7). And, as in the case of the commercial world, it is a good idea to do a bit of market research on your own in sources such as this before you approach the recruitment intermediaries.

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CYCLING

Webster's pro move may start desertions

By Peter Bryan

Half a dozen of Britain's potential Olympic riders could be influenced by Darryl Webster's announcement today that he is to turn his back on the amateur ranks and race as a professional next year.

Webster, winner of 23 national road and track titles in recent years and first in the Manx International last June, has signed for the Interent-Dawes team, whose other five members will be confirmed before the end of the month.

In the wings, still undecided what to do at a crossroad of their careers, are many of the country's riders who, if they remain amateur, are almost certain to be selected for Seoul.

Doug Dailey, the national coach, said yesterday: "I know several of the Olympic squad have had offers to turn pro, and I can understand their interest. But with the professional scene a bit uncertain, I hope they will think hard before making a decision."

One strong candidate for a professional contract is Paul Curran, of Thornaby, a double national champion and undisputed rider of the year. The next week will determine Curran's future category. "I can't keep pro teams interested in me waiting much longer," he said, "but the attraction of the Olympics would not be the reason for my staying amateur next year."

Webster, on the other hand, arguably the country's most talented rider — a winner from 4,000 metres on the track to 272 miles in 12 hours on the road — has turned professional because he cannot face non-selection for the Olympics. "I'm disillusioned with the British Cycling Federation and the way I have been treated," he said, still smarting from being overlooked for last year's Commonwealth Games.

He is inclined to believe that he made a mistake two years ago in not accepting an offer from the now-disbanded ANC-Halfords team.

Others in line for a ticket to Seoul who are believed to have had offers to help underpin the home pro ranks, depleted by riders like Malcolm Elliott and Joey McLoughlin going to Continental teams, include Jon Walshaw, Gary Coltman, Nick Barnes and Deno Davie.

TENNIS: DEFENDING CHAMPION PLAYS WELL ENOUGH TO WIN BUT NOT TO IMPRESS

Navratilova surprised by a tough Lindqvist

From Linda Pentz, New York

Martina Navratilova found herself being tested from a surprising quarter on Tuesday night when she won a narrow first round victory over Catarina Lindqvist in the $1 million (£574,712) Virginia Slims Championships.

Navratilova was extended to a 6-4, 7-6 win and lost her serve three times in the second set before dominating the tie-breaker.

Lindqvist, a Swede, ranked seventeenth in the world, is still recovering from the effects of glandular fever, but showed no signs of weakness as she out-matched Navratilova from the baseline.

In the end, Navratilova's superior serve rescued her from a third set as she won the second set tie-breaker by seven points to one.

Navratilova blew hot and cold in the first set, mixing aces with double faults. After Navratilova won the first set 6-4, Lindqvist returned with renewed vigour, leading 2-0 in the second set before double faults plagued her and she fell behind 5-4.

Navratilova allowed four match points to elude her and Lindqvist turned on the fire power off the return to reach 5-5. Games went on serve to 6-6 and Navratilova won the tie-breaker

"I played well enough to win," Navratilova said. She then addressed the possibility of a year ahead without the presence of her favourite foe, Chris Evert. "If she doesn't play, I guess I'd just say, 'whatever makes you happy'.

"If you don't want ever to hit another tennis ball in your life, that's okay'," Navratilova said, "as long as that's what she wants to do herself, and not what other people are telling her she should do."

Manuela Maleeva, the eighth seed, avoided an upset at the hands of Claudia Kohde-Kilsch to win 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, but Hana Mandlikova, the fifth seed, pulled a hamstring muscle in her left leg early in her match against Raffaella Reggi, of Italy, and defaulted after losing the first set 7-5.

RESULTS: First round: M Maleeva (Bul) bt C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; M Navratilova (US) bt C Lindqvist (Swe), 6-4, 7-6 (7-1); R Reggi (It) bt H Mandlikova (Cz), 7-5, ret.

Stretched to the limit: Martina Navratilova leaps to return a shot to Catarina Lindqvist

Bassett expecting baby

Toronto (AP) — Carling Bassett, who two months ago married Robert Seguso, will be taking an extended break from the courts as she is expecting a child in "late spring," Tom Mayenknecht, director of communications at Tennis Canada, said on Tuesday. But she is expected to be back in time to represent Canada at the 1988 Olympics Games.

"We don't believe this will interfere with Carling's ability to contribute to Canada's team at the Olympics in Seoul," Mayenknecht said.

Mrs Seguso has been away from the professional tour since her marriage on September 26. Since then, she has been travelling with her husband on the men's circuit.

She is the daughter of the late sports promoter, John Bassett, and a granddaughter of John W. Bassett, owner of the Toronto television station, CFTO, the flagship member of the CTV national network.

After turning professional at the age of 15, she progressed to eighth place in the world rankings, but is presently ranked 31st internationally and No. 2 in Canada, behind Helen Kelesi.

FISHING

Norwegian salmon tragedy

By Conrad Voss Bark

A horror story from Norway: An unpleasant parasite, with the equally unpleasant name of *gyrodactylus salaris*, has killed more than 300 tons of salmon in Norwegian rivers.

The director of the Atlantic Salmon Trust, Rear Admiral John MacKenzie, who recently returned from talks with Norwegian officials, has written to Government ministers here warning of the danger of the spread of disease and parasites from fish farms to wild salmon stocks.

"With the explosion of salmon farming in the British Isles, it is essential that everyone concerned with the well-being of wild salmon should be aware of what is happening in Norway."

Measures to rid Norwegian rivers of the parasite by rotenone treatment or barriers to prevent salmon going upstream to spawn have also killed the salmon. The Norwegians believe that the parasite, which attacks young salmon parr, was probably introduced by stocking fish from infected hatcheries.

A spokesman for Scottish salmon farms says that this particular parasite does not exist in Scottish waters but others do, and the Scottish Salmon Growers' Association shares the concern of the Atlantic Salmon Trust. All possible measures should be taken to prevent *gyrodactylus salaris* spreading to the British Isles.

All imports of live fish from Scandinavia which might carry the parasite are banned, and there are strict controls on imported eggs.

SPORTS LETTERS

Blame for loss open to debate

From Mr D. Cooper

Sir, Almost all the reports on the World Cup final blame Mike Gatting for losing England the match.

Surely the blame lies elsewhere; for instance, Gatting faced 45 balls and scored 40. Robinson faced one ball and scored nought. England lost by seven runs. Is it not too much to ask your opening bat to score seven?

Batting apart, it was definitely the terrible opening spell by our two main strike bowlers, with the help of the new ball, fresh pitch, and the batsmen having to play themselves in.

Usually a captain will be well satisfied to be placed at 30 for no wicket after 10 overs, but Allan Border had the luxury of being 52 without loss after 10.

I have been watching cricket for many years now, but it is the first time I have seen the two opening bowlers have only 12 overs between them out of a possible 20.

Yours sincerely,
D. COOPER,
5 Fairfield Place,
Pentine Avenue,
Newquay, Cornwall.
November 11.

Thin dividing line

From Mr Roger D'Ornellas

Sir, Referring to Alan Lee's notes (November 4), if Walsh had run out Saleem Jaffer in the last over of the group match, then, all other things being equal, all three of West Indies, England and Pakistan would have finished their group matches on 16 points, with West Indies on top (on run rate) and England second. Pakistan would have been out. (There can be a very thin line between success and failure).

Second, Marshall's absence may be due simply to the fact that he needed a rest from cricket (in which case, he wasn't the only one) or maybe he believed that spending the time on his benefit events would result in a greater financial reward than playing in the World Cup.

Yours sincerely,
R. A. D'ORNELLAS,
72a Locket Road,
Harrow, Middlesex.

Correcting errors

From the Chief Executive, Scottish Sports Council

Sir, It was with interest that I read the article by Ian Stafford (November 14) regarding, *inter alia*, the changes in membership of the Scottish Sports Council. As it included some errors of fact, I am writing to put the record straight.

First, the Scottish Sports Council did not "sack" any of its members: appointments are the prerogative of the Secretary of State for Scotland. Second, none of the nine retiring members was "dismissed": their terms of appointment had simply ended. This is a situation which arises every two years because the four-year appointments are staggered to ensure an element of continuity. Third, the comment that reducing the size of the council was to effect cost savings implies that members are paid. They are not. Where the improved efficiency and economy will arise is in the removal of a committee and sub-committee structure, thereby freeing resources to be applied to other things.

Yours faithfully,
KEN HUTCHINSON,
Chief Executive,
Scottish Sports Council,
1 St Colme Street, Edinburgh.

Solid reputation

From Mr Douglas Dwyer

Sir, I should like to add my tribute to British racing, of which so much has been written in your columns following the case of Lester Piggott. I am from Jamaica and found from the very first that the racing authorities here do their utmost to make British racing of a high standard in every possible detail so that even the smallest punter enjoys considerable security from cheating. It is a fact not to be lightly dismissed.

Time and again I have met Jamaicans who regularly bet on English races and when I ask them why, their answer is always that British racing can be trusted, can be relied on for fair play. I am talking of Jamaicans who follow the races here from Jamaica. That reputation should be zealously guarded.

Yours sincerely,
DOUGLAS DWYER,
7 Cranley Gardens, SW7.

Support bout

The unbeaten Liverpool featherweight boxer, Paul Hodkinson, will meet Marcus Smith, of Panama, over 10 rounds at the Ulster Hall, Belfast, on December 3.

Gascoigne's eagle

Paul Gascoigne, whose two goals in two minutes helped England to a 5-1 under-21 victory in Yugoslavia last week, has been named Barclays young Eagle award winner for October.

THE TIMES GUIDE TO FIXTURES FOR THE 1988 CRICKET SEASON

Four-day games start in busy schedule

By Marcus Williams

The county championship season will start earlier than ever before in 1988, a year which sees the introduction of four-day matches and the busiest and most protracted programme of any English summer in the long history of the game.

The fixtures, which are released officially today, show a season of more than five months' duration, *from the opening games at Lord's, Fenner's and The Parks on Saturday, April 16, until the newly established Refuge Assurance Cup final at Edgbaston on Sunday, September 18.* In between there are six Test matches and four one-day internationals against the West Indies and Sri Lanka, plus all the main domestic competitions.

Only in 1903 was first-class cricket played *earlier* in April. It started then on the 13th and play between Surrey and London County at The Oval was interrupted by a snow shower, so be warned. However, the start of next season's county championship on April 21 beats the previously earliest start (in 1987) by four days.

***As if all that is not enough,* Sunday play is included for the first time in three significant fixtures: the customary pipe-opener to the Lord's season between MCC and the reigning champions (Nottinghamshire); the University match, for the first time since its inception in 1827; and a one-day international (against Sri Lanka at The Oval in September).**

Four-day cricket represents the most radical change to the English programme since the number of championship matches was reduced in 1969 to accommodate the Sunday League. For the first time, Mike Gear, long-suffering assistant secretary of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) with special responsibility for fixtures and the attendant flack, had a computer to help him in the organization.

The arrival of four-day games, together with the new Refuge Assurance knockout tournament (a separate event which will not affect League positions), has meant an earlier start and finish to the Sunday League season and a rearrangement of dates in the Benson and Hedges Cup group matches, which will now be played mainly in midweek. Last year's finalists, Yorkshire and Northamptonshire, are in the same group and meet in the opening round of games on April 26.

Each county will play six four-day matches, spread over the beginning and end of the season, in addition to meeting the other 16 counties over the customary three days. Each county will play two games fewer than in recent years, although the number of days' championship cricket is the same at 72. Hours of play and bonus points for the four-day games will be decided at next month's meeting of the TCCB; it is expected that they will be similar to those for three days.

The four-day experiment, presaged by a handful of such games against the 1985 Australian touring side and approved by a majority of 15-2 by the counties last year, will apply for three years. It is hoped that the longer games will encourage, in particular, the development of middle-order batsmen and of spin bowlers. This will require the production of good pitches and therefore all bar four of these games will be played at counties' headquarters.

The restructuring has meant the loss of some of the season's traditional landmarks. Maidstone, for instance, has lost its long-established cricket week, although it is one of the lesser grounds — Chesterfield, Neath, Scarborough are the others — to be awarded four-day games and it has a Sunday fixture. The traditional August bank holiday fixtures have also had to be moved from their usual slot to later in the same week.

County cricket goes to some unfamiliar grounds: Glamorgan have Sunday games at Llanelli, Newport and Merthyr Tydfil, all better known for their footballing exploits of one shape or another, and Derbyshire take a Sunday game for the first time to that great cricketing nursery, Repton School — *alma mater* of C. B Fry, the Palairets, the Fords, J. N Crawford and in more recent years Guy Willatt, the Carrs and Richard Hutton.

April

16-FIRST-CLASS MATCHES
*Lord's: MCC v Nottinghamshire
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Derbyshire
The Parks: Oxford University v Leicestershire
20-FIRST-CLASS MATCHES
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Warwickshire
The Parks: Oxford University v Northamptonshire
21-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (four days)
Derby: Derbyshire v Leicestershire
Chelmsford: Essex v Kent
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan
Southampton: Hampshire v Surrey
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Worcestershire
Lord's: Middlesex v Nottinghamshire
Hove: Sussex v Somerset
24-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Leicestershire
Chelmsford: Essex v Kent
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan
Southampton: Hampshire v Surrey
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Worcestershire
Lord's: Middlesex v Nottinghamshire
Hove: Sussex v Somerset
25-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Combined Universities
Chelmsford: Essex v Surrey
Leicester: Leicestershire v Lancashire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Minor Counties
Glasgow (Hamilton Crescent): Scotland v Derbyshire
Taunton: Somerset v Hampshire
Hove: Sussex v Kent
Headingley: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire
28-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (four days)
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Somerset
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Sussex
Canterbury: Kent v Hampshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Warwickshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Essex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Derbyshire
OTHER MATCH
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Surrey

May

1-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Somerset
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Sussex
Canterbury: Kent v Hampshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Warwickshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Essex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Derbyshire
3-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
The Parks: Combined Universities v Somerset
Derby: Derbyshire v Warwickshire
Southampton: Hampshire v Glamorgan
Lord's: Middlesex v Sussex
Swansea: Minor Counties v Worcestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire
Glasgow (Titwood): Scotland v Leicestershire
The Oval: Surrey v Kent
5-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (four days)
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Essex
Leicester: Leicestershire v Kent
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Lancashire
Taunton: Somerset v Worcestershire
The Oval: Surrey v Middlesex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Yorkshire
OTHER MATCHES
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Glamorgan
The Parks: Oxford University v Hampshire
7-TOUR MATCH
Hove: Sussex v West Indians
8-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Essex
Southampton: Hampshire v Glamorgan
Leicester: Leicestershire v Kent
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Lancashire
Taunton: Somerset v Worcestershire
The Oval: Surrey v Middlesex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Yorkshire
TOUR MATCH
Arundel: Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI v West Indians (one day)
10-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Southampton: Hampshire v Gloucestershire
Canterbury: Kent v Essex
Liverpool: Lancashire v Derbyshire
Darlington: Minor Counties v Northamptonshire
Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan
The Oval: Surrey v Middlesex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Scotland
Worcester: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire
12-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Chelmsford: Essex v Sussex
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Combined Universities
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset
Canterbury: Kent v Middlesex
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Scotland
Leicester: Leicestershire v Warwickshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Minor Counties
TOUR MATCH
Southampton: Hampshire v West Indians (one day)
14-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Fenner's: Combined Universities v Hampshire
Derby: Derbyshire v Leicestershire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire
Lord's: Middlesex v Essex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire
Hove: Sussex v Surrey
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Lancashire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Yorkshire
TOUR MATCH
*Taunton: Somerset v West Indians
15-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v Northamptonshire
Southampton: Hampshire v Middlesex
Canterbury: Kent v Lancashire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Gloucestershire
Hove: Sussex v Surrey
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Glamorgan
Worcester: Worcestershire v Yorkshire
17-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (four days)
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Warwickshire
18-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Bournemouth: Hampshire v Glamorgan
Leicester: Leicestershire v Middlesex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Gloucestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Somerset
OTHER MATCHES
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Essex
The Parks: Oxford University v Kent
19-TEXACO TROPHY
Edgbaston: England v West Indies (first one-day international)
21-TEXACO TROPHY
Headingley: England v West Indies (second one-day international)
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Swansea: Glamorgan v Derbyshire
Canterbury: Kent v Yorkshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Worcestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Sussex
The Oval: Surrey v Northamptonshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Essex
OTHER MATCHES
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Middlesex
The Parks: Oxford University v Lancashire
22-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Newport: Glamorgan v Derbyshire
Canterbury: Kent v Yorkshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Worcestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Sussex
The Oval: Surrey v Northamptonshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Essex
23-TEXACO TROPHY
Lord's: England v West Indies (third one-day international)
25-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Quarter-finals
TOUR MATCH
Bristol: Gloucestershire v West Indians (or another county if Gloucestershire are in Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals)
28-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire
Chelmsford: Essex v Surrey
Swansea: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Somerset
Lord's: Middlesex v Sussex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Leicestershire
Middlesbrough: Yorkshire v Hampshire
TOUR MATCH
*Worcester: Worcestershire v West Indians
29-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire
Chelmsford: Essex v Surrey
Swindon: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Leicestershire
Lord's: Middlesex v Sussex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Kent
Middlesbrough: Yorkshire v Hampshire

June

1-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Southampton: Hampshire v Somerset
Dartford: Kent v Nottinghamshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire
The Oval: Surrey v Sussex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Lancashire
OTHER MATCH
The Parks: Oxford University v Gloucestershire
2-FIRST CORNHILL TEST MATCH
TRENT BRIDGE: ENGLAND v WEST INDIES
4-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Kent
Liverpool: Lancashire v Hampshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Worcestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Northamptonshire
Horsham: Sussex v Derbyshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire
Harrogate: Yorkshire v Surrey
5-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Merthyr Tydfil: Glamorgan v Kent
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Hampshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Worcestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Northamptonshire
Hove: Sussex v Derbyshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Surrey
8-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Semi-finals
TOUR MATCH
Edgbaston or Old Trafford: Warwickshire or Lancashire v West Indians
OTHER MATCHES
Harrogate: Tikon Trophy (three days)
11-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
Ilford: Essex v Sussex
Tunbridge Wells: Kent v Middlesex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan
Bath: Somerset v Warwickshire
The Oval: Surrey v Leicestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Hampshire
TOUR MATCH
*Northampton: Northamptonshire v West Indians
OTHER MATCH
*Downpatrick: Ireland v MCC (three days)
12-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Heanor: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
Ilford: Essex v Sussex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan
Bath: Somerset v Warwickshire
The Oval: Surrey v Leicestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Hampshire
TOUR MATCH
*Northampton: Northamptonshire v West Indians
OTHER MATCH
*Downpatrick: Ireland v MCC (three days)
12-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Heanor: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
Ilford: Essex v Sussex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan
Bath: Somerset v Warwickshire
The Oval: Surrey v Leicestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Hampshire
15-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Ilford: Essex v Gloucestershire
Basingstoke: Hampshire v Middlesex
Tunbridge Wells: Kent v Lancashire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Glamorgan
Bath: Somerset v Sussex
Headingley: Yorkshire v Warwickshire
OTHER MATCHES
The Parks: Oxford University v Nottinghamshire
The Oval: Surrey v Cambridge University
18-SECOND CORNHILL TEST MATCH
LORD'S: ENGLAND v WEST INDIES
19-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Worcestershire
Southampton: Hampshire v Nottinghamshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Gloucestershire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Middlesex
Luton: Northamptonshire v Middlesex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Kent
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Essex
19-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Knypersley: Derbyshire v Worcestershire
Basingstoke: Hampshire v Nottinghamshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Gloucestershire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Sussex
Luton: Northamptonshire v Middlesex
Bath: Somerset v Surrey
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Kent
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Essex
22-NATWEST TROPHY, first round
Finchampstead: Berkshire v Yorkshire
Chester (Broughton Hall): Cheshire v Northamptonshire
Torquay: Devon v Nottinghamshire
Darlington: Durham v Somerset
Chelmsford: Essex v Wiltshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Ireland
Canterbury: Kent v Buckinghamshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Lincolnshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Suffolk
Lord's: Middlesex v Hertfordshire
Edinburgh (Myreside): Scotland v Glamorgan
Telford (St George's): Shropshire v Hampshire
Burton-on-Trent: Staffordshire v Surrey
Hove: Sussex v Derbyshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Cambridgeshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Cumberland
23-TOUR MATCH
Fenner's: Oxford and Cambridge Universities v West Indians (two days)
24-OTHER MATCH
Belfast (Ormeau): Ireland v Worcestershire (one day)
25-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex
Swansea: Glamorgan v Lancashire
Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Leicestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire
The Oval: Surrey v Derbyshire
Hove: Sussex v Yorkshire
TOUR MATCH
Canterbury: Kent v West Indians
OTHER MATCH
Londonderry (Beechgrove): Ireland v Worcestershire (one day)
26-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Pontypridd: Glamorgan v Lancashire
Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Leicestershire
Bournemouth: Hampshire v Essex
Lord's: Middlesex v Somerset
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire
The Oval: Surrey v Derbyshire
Hove: Sussex v Yorkshire
OTHER MATCH
Dublin (Malahide): Ireland v Worcestershire (one day)
29-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Hampshire
Canterbury: Kent v Essex
Lord's: Middlesex v Yorkshire
Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan
Nuneaton (Griff and Coton): Warwickshire v Lancashire
30-THIRD CORNHILL TEST MATCH
OLD TRAFFORD: ENGLAND v WEST INDIES

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2-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Middlesex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Lancashire
Taunton: Somerset v Essex
The Oval: Surrey v Warwickshire
Hastings: Sussex v Kent
Worcester: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Leicestershire
UNIVERSITY MATCH
*Lord's: Oxford v Cambridge
3-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Repton School: Derbyshire v Middlesex
Canterbury: Kent v Nottinghamshire
Tring: Northamptonshire v Lancashire
Taunton: Somerset v Essex
The Oval: Surrey v Warwickshire
Hastings: Sussex v Hampshire
Hereford: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire
Hull: Yorkshire v Leicestershire
5-NATWEST TROPHY, second round
Finchampstead or Headingley: Berkshire or Yorkshire v Middlesex or Hertfordshire
Chester (Broughton Hall) or Northampton: Cheshire or Northamptonshire v Sussex or Derbyshire
Torquay or Trent Bridge: Devon or Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire or Cumberland
Chelmsford or Trowbridge: Essex or Wiltshire v Staffordshire or Surrey
Canterbury or to be arranged: Kent or Buckinghamshire v Warwickshire or Cambridgeshire
Leicester or Bury St Edmunds: Leicestershire or Suffolk v Gloucestershire or Ireland
Glasgow (Titwood) or Cardiff: Scotland or Glamorgan v Lancashire or Lincolnshire
Telford (St George's) or Southampton: Shropshire or Hampshire v Durham or Somerset
TOUR MATCH
Derby: Derbyshire v West Indians (will not be played if Derbyshire are in NatWest Trophy second round)
8-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Lord's: FINAL
TOUR MATCH
*Trowbridge: Minor Counties v West Indians (two days)
10-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v Glamorgan
Southampton: Hampshire v Gloucestershire
Canterbury: Kent v Middlesex
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Somerset
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire
The Oval: Surrey v Worcestershire
Hove: Sussex v Warwickshire
13-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Southend: Essex v Derbyshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Leicestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Middlesex
Guildford: Surrey v Hampshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Worcestershire
TOUR MATCH
Swansea: Glamorgan v West Indians
15-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
*Derby: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire
Southend: Essex v Lancashire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset
Lord's: Middlesex v Glamorgan
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire
Guildford: Surrey v Kent
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Hampshire
TOUR MATCH
*Leicester: Leicestershire v West Indians
17-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Southend: Essex v Lancashire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset
Lord's: Middlesex v Glamorgan
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire
The Oval: Surrey v Kent
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Hampshire
OTHER MATCH
*Dublin: Ireland v Wales (three days)
20-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Warwickshire
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Essex
Southport: Lancashire v Surrey
Leicester: Leicestershire v Derbyshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Kent
Hove: Sussex v Gloucestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Yorkshire
TOUR MATCH
Norwich CC: League Cricket Conference v Sri Lankans (two days)
21-FOURTH CORNHILL TEST MATCH
HEADINGLEY: ENGLAND v WEST INDIES
24-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Yorkshire
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Derbyshire
Folkestone: Kent v Worcestershire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Essex
Lord's: Middlesex v Surrey
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Sussex
Taunton: Somerset v Nottinghamshire
TOUR MATCH
Old Trafford or Edgbaston: Lancashire or Warwickshire v Sri Lankans (will include *Sunday play if at Old Trafford*)
24-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Yorkshire
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Derbyshire
Folkestone: Kent v Worcestershire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Essex
Lord's: Middlesex v Warwickshire
Rhredon: Northamptonshire v Sussex
Taunton: Somerset v Nottinghamshire
27-NATWEST TROPHY
Quarter-finals
TOUR MATCHES
Venue to be arranged: First-class county v West Indians (three days)
Oakham: Indian Gymkhana v Sri Lankans (one day)
28-OTHER MATCH
Jesmond: England XI v Rest of the World XI (one day)
29-TOUR MATCH
Arundel: Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI v Sri Lankans (one day)
OTHER MATCH
Jesmond: England XI v Rest of the World XI (one day)
30-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Warwickshire
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Surrey
Canterbury: Kent v Somerset
Worksop: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire
Eastbourne: Sussex v Glamorgan
Worcester: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Lancashire
TOUR MATCHES
*Chelmsford: Essex v West Indians
Lord's: Middlesex v Sri Lankans
31-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Warwickshire
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Surrey
Canterbury: Kent v Somerset
Leicester: Leicestershire v Middlesex
Eastbourne: Sussex v Glamorgan
Worcester: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Lancashire

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3-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire
Canterbury: Kent v Leicestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Essex
Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Surrey
Eastbourne: Sussex v Hampshire
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire
OTHER MATCH
Swansea: Glamorgan v Rest of the World XI (one day)
4-FIFTH CORNHILL TEST MATCH
THE OVAL: ENGLAND v WEST INDIES
4-TOUR MATCH
Stanford: Minor Counties v Sri Lankans (two days)
8-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Swansea: Glamorgan v Surrey
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Yorkshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Middlesex
Leicester: Leicestershire v Hampshire
Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Derbyshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire
Kidderminster: Worcestershire v Sussex
TOUR MATCH
*Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Sri Lankans
7-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Ebbw Vale: Glamorgan v Surrey
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Yorkshire
Blackpool: Lancashire v Middlesex
Leicester: Leicestershire v Hampshire
Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Derbyshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Sussex
10-NATWEST TROPHY
Semi-finals
TOUR MATCH
Headingley: Yorkshire v Sri Lankans (if Yorkshire not in NatWest Trophy semi-finals)
13-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Kent
Colchester: Essex v Nottinghamshire
Abergavenny: Glamorgan v Worcestershire
Bournemouth: Hampshire v Northamptonshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Gloucestershire
Hove: Sussex v Lancashire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Leicestershire
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Somerset
*The Oval: Surrey v Sri Lankans
14-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Kent
Colchester: Essex v Nottinghamshire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Worcestershire
Bournemouth: Hampshire v Northamptonshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Gloucestershire
Hove: Sussex v Lancashire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Leicestershire
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Somerset
OTHER MATCHES
Warwick Under-25 competition semi-finals (or August 21) (one day)
17-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Yorkshire
Colchester: Essex v Glamorgan
Bournemouth: Hampshire v Kent
Lytham: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire
Uxbridge: Middlesex v Somerset
The Oval: Surrey v Worcestershire
Hove: Sussex v Warwickshire
TOUR MATCH
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Sri Lankans
20-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Kent
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Derbyshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Somerset
Uxbridge: Middlesex v Warwickshire
Wellingborough School: Northamptonshire v Glamorgan
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Surrey
Worcester: Worcestershire v Essex
TOUR MATCH
*Southampton: Hampshire v Sri Lankans
OTHER MATCH
*Dunfermline: Scotland v Ireland (three days)
21-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Morton-in-Marsh: Gloucestershire v Kent
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Derbyshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Somerset
Wellingborough School: Northamptonshire v Glamorgan
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Surrey
Worcester: Worcestershire v Essex
OTHER MATCHES
Warwick Under-25 competition semi-finals (if not played on August 14) (one day)
25-CORNHILL TEST MATCH
LORD'S: ENGLAND v SRI LANKA
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (four days)
Neath: Glamorgan v Leicestershire
Maidstone: Kent v Sussex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Derbyshire
Taunton: Somerset v Hampshire
The Oval: Surrey v Lancashire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Warwickshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Middlesex
28-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v Gloucestershire
Llanelli: Glamorgan v Leicestershire
Maidstone: Kent v Sussex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Derbyshire
Taunton: Somerset v Hampshire
The Oval: Surrey v Lancashire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Warwickshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Middlesex

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RACING: SUN ALLIANCE HURDLE WINNER CAN MAKE SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION TO CHASING

The West Awake to outclass opposition

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

The West Awake will be the main focus of attention at Towcester today when he contests the Grants of St James Novices' Chase.

Trained for Mr and Mrs Christopher Heath by Oliver Sherwood in Upper Lambourn, this nice six-year-old took high rank over hurdles last season when he won the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham and the Champagne Mumm Novices' Hurdle at Liverpool on Grand National day. Today's race will be his first over fences.

Sherwood told me yesterday that The West Awake is very well and that he has jumped well in practice at home, especially when he has worn blinkers, which he will be wearing again today, as he did last season.

He also believes that he will come on for the race and that his prime concern is that he should enjoy himself and get round.

Having said all that, and thus covered himself completely, Sherwood then added: "But I'm still hopeful that his class will see him through."

That class was evident in abundance last March when he left City Entertainer toiling in his wake at Cheltenham on the second day of the National Hunt Festival.

Originally Sherwood did not intend fitting blinkers again but changed his mind after it was crystal clear that they had helped to make the horse concentrate more during a schooling session on Mandown. Last season they certainly had a marked effect on him the twice he wore them on a racecourse.

Even though he may not be fully wound up, I believe that The West Awake is capable of outclassing the Kempton winner, Channel Breeze, this afternoon.

Today's nap, though, is Kamrise to win the Romanoff Vodka Conditional Jockeys Novices' Hurdle in the hands of Tony Charlton, whose confidence is sure to be high after that emphatic victory on Beech Road at Cheltenham last Friday.

For his part, Kamrise will appreciate today's distance after just failing to last home over a little further at Fontwell 16 days ago. He still managed to finish 25 lengths clear of the remainder that day when going under by a head to Hairy Hat.

My nap's trainer, Toby Balding, won the corresponding race a year ago with None Too Dear, whose sights are now set on the Britvic Orange Juice Handicap Hurdle. On this occasion he may not beat Winning Dancer, who ran with such promise at Kempton a fortnight ago when fourth behind Comandante.

At Taunton, Martin Pipe saddles both Cats Eyes and Quickstep in the JCR News Challenge Trophy Novices' Chase. Cats Eyes was basically the better over hurdles but showed much of his best form over a longer trip. Over today's distance, Quickstep should have the legs of him.

My other principal fancies on the West Country track are **Out Of Range** (2.45) and **Imperial Champagne** (3.15).

David Elsworth is very hopeful of winning the second division of the Necktie Novices' Hurdle with Out Of Range who shaped so nicely in a bumper at Sandown recently when runner-up to Rymster.

At Wincanton a week ago I thought that Imperial Champagne ran well enough in the race won by Sun Rising to suggest that he can go one better now in the Cartwrights of Taunton Challenge Trophy.

TOWCESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 The West Awake.
1.30 Winning Dancer.
2.00 Archers Prince.
2.30 KAMRISE (nap).
3.00 Castle Andrea.
3.30 The Main Man.

By Michael Seely

1.30 Unex-Plained. 3.00 Castle Andrea.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 KAMRISE (nap).

Going: good to soft

1.0 GRANTS OF ST JAMES NOVICES CHASE (£1,496: 2m 5f 110yd) (16 runners)

1 062/14F DONALD DAVIES 6 (G) (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-10 R Dunwoody 80
3 F420F-1 CHANNEL BREEZE 14 (G) (W Kavanagh) E Wheeler 7-11-5 M Perrett 87
4 0/0022-0 ALEDAN 27 (L Ames) A Turnell 8-11-3 Steve Knight 80
8 03200-0 BLUE SPARKIE 9 (S) (R Fry) J Old 6-11-3 C Llewellyn (4) —
10 000000/ BRIANS BOY 593 (J James) P Bailey 8-11-3 Mr M Armytage (4) —
11 P CLASSIC MELODY 10 (J Blackborow) J Booth 10-11-3 J Barlow —
12 4PP4-24 COYOR 23 (B Chambers) R Blakeney 7-11-3 Judy Blakeney 90
215 0 FARMLEA BOY 21 (R Lavelle) G Balding 7-11-3 R Guest (4) —
218 000P-0 HALLO MATEY 2 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 6-11-3 R Supple (7) —
20 03130-P KOOL LOOK 5 (F,S) (R Whitaker) W G M Turner 8-11-3 A Sharpe —
21 0/ MANDATOR 713 (J Henderson) N Henderson 6-11-3 J White —
24 3360/1-P QUILANTARO 9 (G,S) (Mrs P Swiser) C Vernon Miller 8-11-3 K Mooney —
27 FPF-PP SWANEE SONG 5 (M Orpen-Palmer) P Howling 8-11-3 R Crank —
30 212211- THE WEST AWAKE 229 (B,G,S) (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 5-11-3 S Sherwood —
32 P/0232-P VICK THE BUSKER 21 (Mrs H Bare) M McCourt 10-11-3 G McCourt ● 99
35 004044 DRY GIN 34 (L Naylor) M Chapman 4-10-7 S Mitchell (7) —

BETTING: 11-8 The West Awake, 7-2 Quilantaro, 5-1 Donald Davies, 6-1 Channel Breeze, 8-1 Aledan, 10-1 others.

1986: GLENSIDE JERRY 6-11-3 K Mooney (8-1) G Balding 12 ran

FORM DONALD DAVIES, a Cheltenham faller last Friday (3m), had scored ¾l Worcester victory (11-0) over Mainsey Sand (11-0) (2m 4f, £1581, good, Oct 9, 16 ran).

CHANNEL BREEZE (10-10) a surprise ¾l Kempton winner from Mrs Muck (11-1) (2m 4f, £1883, good, Nov 5, 7 ran).

VICK THE BUSKER, pulled up at Southwell last month, finished the 1986/87 campaign with a short head 2nd (11-6) to Oyce Hills (11-5) at Ascot (3m, £7197, good, Apr 15, 18 ran).

THE WEST AWAKE was last season's top staying novice hurdler, successful at the Cheltenham Festival (2m 4f) and at Aintree (2m 5f 110yd).

Selection: VICK THE BUSKER

1.30 BRITVIC ORANGE JUICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,021: 2m) (21 runners)

1 430030- OPENING BARS 243 (D,S) (K Ogden) G Thorner 5-11-10 J White 80
2 3021- COCKPIT CREW 213 (D,S) (R Simmons) O Sherwood 6-11-9 S Sherwood 80
4 4003-00 TACHEO 16 (D,F,G) (J Stuart-Wortley-Hunt) Miss L Bower 6-11-5 B Dowling (4) 91
6 44P01-P BASSETT BOY 19 (S) (J Ross) J Jenkins 6-11-3 NON-RUNNER —
7 112-043 UNEX-PLAINED 21 (D,BF,G,S) (B Eddishaw) G M Moore 4-11-3 M Hammond 91
8 02F01-0 DREAM MERCHANT 16 (F,S) (L Fonwell) R O'Sullivan 5-11-2 M Kinane 84
10 4102-43 TAMATOUR 10 (D,G) (T Ramsden) D Ringer 4-10-12 G McCourt 92
11 212236- NONE TOO DEAR 329 (CD,G) (S Adams) G Balding 5-10-10 R Guest (4) 85
12 203F1-0 WINNING DANCER 14 (S) (J Stuart-Wortley-Hunt) Miss L Bower 4-10-10 R Rowell ● 99
15 630F-0 CUDDY DALE 19 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 4-10-5 R Supple (7) 84
17 0UP0-F0 CUT'N DRY 22 (F,S) (Orthopaedic Bedding Service) P Bowden 7-10-3 R Dunwoody —
19 1F0- FREE TRAVEL 256 (CD,S) (J Sumner) T Forster 5-10-0 L Harvey (4) 85
20 2P3-P0P DON'T BE LATE 10 (D,S) (T Kilroe & Sons Ltd) R E Peacock 5-10-0 M Dwyer 89
22 1-02343 STADIA PUBLICITY 52 (DJF) (F Barlow) A Potts 4-10-0 C Grant 89
23 00023-3 MAC'S GOLD 35 (Mrs R Hepburn) R Armytage 5-10-0 Miss G Armytage 84
24 031040 EASTERN PLAYER 42 (F,G) (J Williams) M Chapman 4-10-0 S Mitchell (7) 88
26 R0430-0 SEEYOUAROUND 34 (CD,F,S) (P Hamon) O Brennan 10-10-0 M Brennan 82
28 FPP-0P0 SHADY LEGACY 28 (D,F,S) (D Pugh) R Morris 6-10-0 T Wall 88
31 1F/000-0 SON OF MANADO 10 (D,F,S) (J Parish) J Parish 7-10-0 M Farlong —
32 000-0 CHILWORTH BLADE 8 (Mrs L Gresher) R Armytage 5-10-0 C Llewellyn (4) —
33 0F SINGWELL 5 (D Jeffries) D Jeffries 6-10-0 W Worthington —

BETTING: 2-1 Tamatour, 11-4 None Too Dear, 9-2 Unex-Plained, 11-2 Winning Dancer, 8-1 Stadia Publicity, 12-1 Free Travel, 14-1 others.

1986: TAWNY SPIRIT 7-10-11 J Quinn (9-2) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10 ran

FORM COCKPIT CREW (11-3) ended last season with a length beating of Detroit Sam (11-3) at Chepstow (2m, £1172, good to soft, Apr 20, 17 ran).

UNEX-PLAINED (11-7) returned to near best latest start when 4l 3rd to Hill Beagle (10-2) at Southwell (2m 4f, £2027, good to soft, Oct 29, 18 ran).

TAMATOUR (11-7) stayed on at one pace from the last when 4½l 3rd to Sanyan (10-10) at Wolverhampton (2m, £2130, good, Nov 9, 20 ran).

NONE TOO DEAR (10-11) far from disgraced when a length 2nd to Colonial Charm (10-6) here (2m, 2825, soft, Dec 22, 17 ran).

WINNING DANCER (10-4) weakened approaching the last when 9½l 4th to Comandante (11-10) at Kempton (2m 4f, good); better judged on (11-5) a 2l victory over Hope Diamond (10-10) at Devon (2m 1f, £541, soft, Apr 14, 16 ran).

MAC'S GOLD (10-8) one pace from two out when 6½l 3rd to Rainbow Lady (11-5) at Wincanton (2m, soft); showed better final start of last season when (10-8) 10l 2nd to Andrea Dawn (11-5) at Wincanton (2m, £1735, good, Apr 20, 15 ran).

Selection: MAC'S GOLD

2.0 WILLIAM GRANT'S WHISKY CENTENARY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,512: 2m 50yd) (10 runners)

2 110P02- FINNESKO 199 (CD,G,S) (Mrs Z Clark) S Christian 9-11-12 Mr G Upton (7) 97
4 42P-200 OYSTER POND 21 (F,G,S) (D Barr) M McCourt 10-11-1 G McCourt ● 99
6 011P-F0 GENERALISE 19 (S) (J Browne Constr Co Ltd) G Thorner 5-10-12 J White 94
7 24F1P-0 ARCHERS PRINCE 16 (CD,F,G) (R Shaw) C James 9-10-10 W Humphreys (7) 95
9 230422- GREENORE PRIDE 215 (G,S) (A Baird Tennis Ltd) P Burgoyne 10-10-5 H Davies 96
10 FFF4-04 BROWN'S STAR 79 (S) (R Tonkin) A Turnell 7-10-2 Steve Knight 95
11 U0-0040 SILENT ECHO 30 (F,G,S) (A Blackmore) A Blackmore 12-10-1 R Dunwoody 98
12 3/1HFF-F SWIFT RETORT 5 (S) (G Beccle) T Forster 7-10-0 C Llewellyn (4) 96
13 4401-F4 VAGUELY ARTISTIC 14 (B,F) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-10-0 R Supple (7) 95
15 0423/0-0 BRAHMS AND LISZT 110 (F,S) (J Parish) J Parish 11-10-0 M Furlong —

BETTING: 3-1 Vaguely Artistic, 4-1 Finnesko, 5-1 Brown's Star, 6-1 Greenore Pride, Swift Retort, 8-1 Oyster Pond, 10-1 Archers Prince, 16-1 Generalise, 20-1 others.

1986: FINNESKO 8-10-7 R Beggan (16-1) S Christian 12 ran

FORM OYSTER POND is totally inconsistent - best effort this season (10-11) a 15l 2nd to The Welder (11-7) at Worcester (2m, £7935, firm, Sept 25, 13 ran).

ARCHERS PRINCE (10-0) best judged on a 3l defeat of GREENORE PRIDE (10-2) here (2m 50yd, £2191, good, Apr 18, 9 ran) with FINNESKO (11-8) a further 4l away in 6th.

FINNESKO (10-7) ended last season with a 12l 2nd to Castle Andrea (10-0) here (2m 5f 110yd, £2285, good, May 4, 7 ran).

BROWN'S STAR (10-2) no extra from two out when 15½l 4th to Jimmy Edwards (10-7) at Worcester (2m, £1912, soft, Oct 21, 13 ran) with GENERALISE (10-8) another 15l away 6th.

GENERALISE (11-0) better judged on a neck beating of Golden Redeemer (11-7) at Towcester (2m, £1761, good to soft, Apr 20, 12 ran).

VAGUELEY ARTISTIC (10-0) one pace from two out when 4th to Aikram (11-10) at Stratford (2m, £2498, good to soft, Nov 3, 7 ran).

Selection: GREENORE PRIDE

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.30 ROMANOFF VODKA CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,094: 2m) (18 runners)

1 0 ABBEY SAGA 15 (D Sanger) D Nicholson 5-11-0 Dan Jones —
4 0-0 BALLESTEROS 15 (D Ward-Smith) P Bowden 6-11-0 G Morgan —
5 00/ BRIGADIER JACQUES 677 (J Brennan) H O'Neill 6-11-0 — —
8 1/0-0 CLOVEN ROCKS 20 (F) (R Fisher) T Forster 7-11-0 C Llewellyn —
8 0F-0 CYGNETS BEST 33 (J Upson) T Casey 4-11-0 G Donaldson 76
9 00/0400 DOLBEN BOY 26 (V) (B Owen) P Pritchard 6-11-0 C Mason 78
12 000- HANDBAWN 336 (Mrs H Bare) M McCourt 5-11-0 S Cowley —
15 00-0 JOHN O'DEE 14 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 4-11-0 R Supple —
16 0/4-02 KAMRISE 16 (BF) (Lady Harris) G Balding 5-11-0 A Charlton ● 99
20 RF-0 MUBAARIS 6 (T W Sutter & Son Ltd) M Stanner 4-11-0 S Woods 68
22 ONE MORE KNIGHT (R West) Mrs I McKie 4-11-0 M Hazell —
23 000- PODSNAP 244 (J Pearce) J Pearce 4-11-0 C Huggan —
24 0-3 PORO BOY 41 (Mrs M Stalker) G Dodge 4-11-0 P Holley 81
26 0- PRIORS COPPICE 232 (Mrs E Vesey) N Henderson 5-11-0 J Osborne —
32 00-0 DORA FROST 13 (D Trueman) C Tristine 4-10-9 W Humphreys —
33 -0 EVENING PURSUIT 36 (R Smith) Mrs I McKie 4-10-9 W Hayes —
34 0-0 FLY BIRD 15 (D Ward-Smith) P Bowden 4-10-9 D Muslow —
39 -0 THE FURNITUREMAKER 30 (G Amey) D Gandolfo 4-10-9 I Shoemark —

BETTING: 4-7 Kamrise, 100-30 Priors Coppice, 6-1 Cloven Rocks, 8-1 Poro Boy, 12-1 Abbey Saga, 14-1 others.

1986: NONE TOO DEAR 4-11-0 R Guest (8-11 fav) G Balding 16 ran

FORM CYGNETS BEST, well beaten this term, showed ability here last November when 7¾l 5th (10-10) to L B Laughs (10-10) (2m, 2885, good, 18 ran).

DOLBEN BOY has run two poor races since finishing 8¾l 4th (11-2) to Cupid's Bower (10-11) at Worcester (2m, 2885, good to firm, Sept 12, 13 ran).

KAMRISE (11-0) was 25l clear of the remainder when beaten a head by Hairy Hat (11-0) at Fontwell (2m 2f, £1344, good to soft, Nov 3, 17 ran).

PORO BOY'S 2l Worcester 3rd (10-12) to Sherwood Forest (11-0) came in a seller (2m, £796, good, Oct 9, 23 ran).

Selection: KAMRISE

3.0 BENSKINS BITTER HANDICAP CHASE (£2,603: 3m 190yd) (9 runners)

1 U003-00 CERIMAU 12 (G,S) (Mrs E Ellis) J Edwards 9-11-10 P Tuck 91
2 0/211F-P BUNDLE BOY 19 (G,S) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 9-11-9 H Davies 93
3 B4440-0 BRASS CHANGE 8 (C,G,S) (N Goodliff) P J Jones 9-11-4 M Kinane 98
4 23-223F CASTLE ANDREA 8 (CD,G) (D Jeffries) D Jeffries 9-11-0 W Worthington ● 99
6 1P0F-FF GLENSIDE JERRY 12 (C,G) (M Jackson) G Balding 7-10-12 K Mooney —
7 F4P03/0 FLAXEN TINA 8 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs S Gee) J Webber 9-10-11 M Perrett —
10 211U49P- ROYAL HARBOUR 213 (S) (B Leaver) O Sherwood 7-10-2 C Cox 95
12 F0103- PREMON'S LAST 213 (CD,S) (Mrs J Lewis) J Old 11-10-0 C Llewellyn (4) 98
13 2P4030 FLEMINGTON 20 (F) (J Hewitt) W Perrin 8-10-0 M Bowlby 85

BETTING: 9-4 Cerimau, 4-1 Castle Andrea, 6-1 Brass Change, 8-1 Bundle Boy, 10-1 Royal Harbour, 12-1 Glenside Jerry, Premon's Last, 14-1 Flaxen Tina, Flemington.

1986: GOLDEN MINSTREL 7-10-8 E Murphy (8-11 fav) J Gifford 4 ran

FORM CERIMAU (12-0) one pace from three out when 14½l 5th to Eton Rouge (11-4) at Warwick (3m 4f 180yd, £3967, good to soft, Nov 7, 12 ran) with GLENSIDE JERRY (11-2) a second fence faller.

CERIMAU (10-12) last successful when beating Oversway (10-4) 4l at Huntingdon (3m, £2068, good to soft, Dec 10, 8 ran).

BUNDLE BOY (11-0) best judged on a 6l defeat of Bickleigh Bridge (11-7) at Ludlow (3m, £1571, Dec 16, 7 ran) - will stop fitter for reappearance.

FLAXEN TINA (10-2) in need of the outing when a well beaten 8th to Yahoo (11-7) at Newbury (3m, £3954, soft, Nov 11, 10 ran) with CASTLE ANDREA (10-4) in contention when a sixth fence faller.

CASTLE ANDREA (10-8) earlier finished a creditable short head 2nd to Celtic Hamlet (10-0) at Cheltenham (3m, £3662, good to firm, Oct 7, 6 ran) with FLEMINGTON (10-3) a long way back in last.

PREMON'S LAST (10-12) on final start last season finished 22l 3rd to Hal's Joy (11-5) at Newton Abbot (3m 2f 100yd, good to soft) with ROYAL HARBOUR (11-5) pulled up.

Earlier PREMON'S LAST (10-12) showed better when beating Enos Superba (10-5) 5l here (3m 190yd, £2005, good to soft, Feb 17, 15 ran) with a below par CASTLE ANDREA (10-10) another 12l away 3rd.

Selection: CERIMAU

3.30 LOWENBRAU NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £799: 2m) (18 runners)

3 BORRETO (A Shaw) C James 10-10 O Browne —
6 EASTEND BLAKE (L Naylor) M Chapman 10-10 S Mitchell (7) —
7 ENGLISH RIVER (Ulverscroft Racing Stables) R Weaver 10-10 J Burton (7) —
8 FAYADPOUR (Austin Stroud & Co Ltd) D Ringer 10-10 P Tuck —
9 GAELGOIR (D Craddock) C Jackson 10-10 R Hyett —
10 330 JONITE 43 (P Martin) J Booth 10-10 J Barlow 89
12 P MR CORMAN 36 (A Goode) M Robinson 10-10 J White —
14 0 MY BOY STAN 22 (S Squires) K Ivory 10-10 S Sherwood 88
15 NOBLE SPLASH (Mrs D Sharif) A Turnell 10-10 C Mann —
21 SAY YOU WILL (G Noble) P Makin 10-10 G Charles Jones —
22 THE MAIN MAN (A Richards) H O'Neill 10-10 G McCourt —
24 P WELLINGTON BROWN 14 (M Hulse) K Ivory 10-10 Steve Knight —
25 P23 WINGSPAN 10 (M Hackett) R O'Sullivan 10-10 M Kinane ● 99
26 BEL CREATION (J Marston) J Spearing 10-5 M Perrett —
27 COOL COMMENT (Mrs J Kovin) M E Francis 10-5 C Cox —
28 CRYSTAL REEF (H Mould) D Nicholson 10-5 R Dunwoody —
33 SCAMPEROO (D Barbour) A James 10-5 J Bryan —
35 WHITE JAZZ (W Gredley) Mrs D Haine 10-5 G Mernagh —

BETTING: 15-8 Wingspan, 7-2 Jonite, 4-1 Fayadpour, 13-2 My Boy Stan, 8-1 Bel Creation, 10-1 Gaelgoir, 12-1 others.

1986: L B LAUGHS 10-10 S Sherwood (6-1) Mrs N Smith 18 ran

FORM JONITE, well beaten since debut (10-10) 3½l 3rd to O'Connell Street (10-10) at Huntingdon (2m 100yd, 2685, good to firm, Aug 31, 13 ran).

WINGSPAN (11-0) finished 5l 2nd to Combermore (11-3) at Ascot (2m, £2378, good, Oct 28, 17 ran) with MY BOY STAN (11-0) 14l 6th, and improved on, that last time when (10-7) running 5l 3rd to Sea Island at Plumpton (2m, £743, soft, Nov 9, 16 ran).

FAYADPOUR was claimed out of Michael Stoute's stable for 12,556 gns after winning at Nottingham (1m 2f) in June.

THE MAIN MAN stayed well on the Flat, enjoyed some give and is guaranteed to get this testing 2m.

BEL CREATION is a half-sister to numerous winners including high class hurdler Nadin.

Selection: WINGSPAN

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
S Christian	12	44	27.3
O Sherwood	7	27	25.9
N Henderson	15	75	19.7
J Old	10	63	15.9
G Balding	9	61	14.8
T Forster	19	142	13.4

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Sherwood	9	31	29.0
J White	9	31	29.0
K Mooney	15	54	27.8
G McCourt	14	88	15.9
H Davies	23	179	12.8

Only qualifiers

TAUNTON

Selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Dromin Academy.
1.45 Daunting Prospect.
2.15 Quickstep.
2.45 Out Of Range.
3.15 Imperial Champagne.
3.45 Windbound Lass.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 CATS EYES (nap).

Going: good to soft

1.15 NECKTIE NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £648: 2m 1f) (12 runners)

1 0P ARMOUR STAR 7 (M Churches) M Churches 8-10-12 Mr Benmyworth —
3 P4 BISHOPS PATH 20 (S Retter) C Popham 4-10-12 B Powell —
6 24-3 DROMIN ACADEMY 12 (A Parker) J Edwards 5-10-12 T Morgan ● 99
7 0 DUCKHAVEN 28 (J Baker) J Baker 4-10-12 M Williams —
10 G W SUPERMAN (Great Western Dev Ltd) N Mitchell 4-10-12 G Landau —
15 POUND COIN (J Tucker) P Hobbs 4-10-12 P Hobbs —
20 00-P0 ANNABEN 57 (M Williams) W G M Turner 4-10-7 D Morris (4) —
22 00- COMPELLING 328 (Mrs P McConnell) D Elsworth 5-10-7 R Arnott —
24 F LADY COGNAC 37 (P Williams) D Barons 4-10-7 P Nicholls —
26 0 MAGIC MELISSA 15 (Mrs E Marks) R Holder 5-10-7 P Murphy —
27 MIDNIGHT SOUZY (Mrs S Dunstan) P Dunstan 6-10-7 R Millman —
29 04-0 SLEEPLINE SIESTA 9 (Sleepline Holdings) R Holder 5-10-7 N Coleman 78

BETTING: 6-4 Dromin Academy, 7-2 Lady Cognac, 6-1 Sleepline Siesta, 8-1 Compelling, G W Superman, 10-1 Pound Coin, 12-1 Bishops Path, 14-1 others.

1986: BEECH GROVE 5-10-12 H Davies (7-4 fav) T Forster 13 ran

1.45 HEADSCARF JUVENILE NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £548: 2m 1f) (12 runners)

1 U3 DAUNTING PROSPECT 9 (P Hedger) P Hedger 10-9 M Richards 97
3 EL DELGADO (M Fink) D R Tucker 10-9 N Coleman —
4 0 LEADING ROLE 15 (Miss H Bisgrove) M Pipe 10-9 P Scudamore —
5 0 MARCOVICH 27 (P Barth) G Thorner 10-9 C Brown —
8 0P TIME ODYSSEY 27 (R Gems) P Bailey 10-9 B Powell —
9 PF DANE PRINCESS 9 (Danebury Racing Stables) K Cunningham-Brown 10-4 — —
10 04 LORI GARBACZ 20 (D Tucker) D R Tucker 10-4 S McNeill 84
11 00U LUDLOW LADY 9 (P Parnell) R Hodges 10-4 W Irvine (7) —
14 0 MISS LAWSUIT 9 (T McElroy) L Cottrell 10-4 R Millman —
15 0 NUNS ROYAL 36 (M Kavanagh) R Dickin 10-4 Mr R Bellamy (7) —
18 P ROYAL SPECIAL 28 (J Montolio) Mrs A Knight 10-4 George Knight —
20 30 SPARKLING JUDY 9 (W Waldman) C Wildman 10-4 Lorna Vincent ● 98

BETTING: 9-4 Daunting Prospect, 11-4 Sparkling Judy, 5-1 Leading Role, 15-2 Lori Garbacz, 8-1 Royal Special, 10-1 El Delgado, 12-1 others.

1986: LADY CRUSTY 10-4 N Coleman (7-2) R Holder 9 ran

2.15 JCR NEWS NOVICE CHASE (£1,843: 2m 150yd) (12 runners)

4 0P0P-0 AIR BROKER 44 (Food Brokers) S Mellor 6-11-7 G Landau —
6 310304- CATS EYES 231 (B,G,S) (T Chandler) M Pipe 7-11-7 P Scudamore —
9 0F2F-P0 GOLDEN MATCH 64 (F) (Mrs S Hembrow) Mrs S Hembrow 9-11-7 A Jones —
10 FP0-PU4 GREY TORNADO 7 (D Short) T Keenor 6-11-7 D Wonnacott —
11 10400-F HIGHWAY EXPRESS 5 (S) (M White) R Hodges 6-11-7 S Earle —
13 0-04420 MARINERS DREAM 43 (F,S) (Mrs E Mitchell) N Mitchell 6-11-7 Mr T Mitchell (7) —
16 0030-30 POLAR GLEN 12 (Mrs V Phillips) R Hodges 6-11-7 B Powell —
17 P121200- QUICKSTEP 199 (B,S) (M Pipe) M Pipe 6-11-7 J Lower —
21 00/1002- YOUNG NICHOLAS 259 (G,S) (B Snell) J Roberts 6-11-7 P Richards —
22 0U4P-00 GO PENTA 28 (B) (Sir R Thompson) N Ayliffe 7-11-2 M Ayliffe —
23 000F00/ IDSON LASS 1077 (S) (J Payne) J Payne 9-11-2 R Millman —
24 U34030- ONLY TROUBLE 236 (T Houlbrooke) T Houlbrooke 6-11-2 Mr T Houlbrooke —

BETTING: 13-8 Cats Eyes, 9-4 Quickstep, 7-2 Young Nicholas, 12-1 Only Trouble, 14-1 Mariners Dream, 16-1 Grey Tornado, Polar Glen, 20-1 others.

1986: JIMMY EDWARDS 5-11-5 Dr D Chasney (14-1) D Chasney 14 ran

2.45 NECKTIE NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £656: 2m 1f) (12 runners)

2 CHANCE BUY (C Nash) C Nash 4-10-12 M Bosley (4) —
4 0 COMEDY BASIN 15 (Mrs J Spelman) R Holder 4-10-12 N Coleman —
7 0/F0-PP2 DUNARUNNA 13 (P Purdy) B Forsey 6-10-12 P Croucher ● 99
8 040-P FINE BLUE 21 (B) (M Ralphs) G Thorner 4-10-12 S McNeill —
9 00- FLEET ACTION 196 (M Ewbank) R Barzington 6-10-12 R Beggan —
12 000 TEWTRELL LAD 25 (Tewtrell Ltd) J Bukovets 4-10-12 S Cusack (7) 88
13 00- WONDER BEE 266 (A Hunt) D Elsworth 4-10-12 B Powell —
15 0P/ BELLALOO 693 (Mrs T Pillungton) Mrs T Pillungton 7-10-7 A Webb —
16 P3-F0 CONJOB 97 (B) (Mrs J Wonnacott) Mrs J Wonnacott 4-10-7 D Wonnacott —
20 000 KERSTI DUNN 10 (B) (D Williamson) I Wardle 5-10-7 K Townend —
21 0 KINGSWOOD GIRL 54 (J Joseph) R Frost 4-10-7 J Frost —
23 2 OUT OF RANGE 19 (R Barden) D Elsworth 4-10-7 C Brown —

BETTING: 4-5 Out Of Range, 4-1 Dunarunna, 6-1 Wonder Bee, 8-1 Tewtrell Lad, 10-1 Fine Blue, 14-1 others.

1986: MZIMA SPRING 7-11-3 P Leach (9-1) L Cottrell 14 ran

3.15 CARTWRIGHTS OF TAUNTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,270: 3m) (10 runners)

1 310-44U ATATAHO 7 (C,F,S) (B Snell) J Roberts 11-11-13 J Frost 98
2 1PF01/0- KASHILL 336 (F,G,S) (Mrs B Taylor) S Mellor 9-10-0 B Powell —
3 34/10-00 EASTER CARNIVAL 21 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs M Best) K Bishop 11-11-2 P Richards 89
4 2F11FT- GERAMI 182 (D,F,G) (R McAlpine) J Edwards 7-11-0 T Morgan 94
5 0340-02 IMPERIAL CHAMPAGNE 7 (S) (C Raymond) Miss J Thorne 7-10-6 N Dawe 95
8 43/204 THE THIRSTY FARMER 213 (B,C,S) (Mrs S King) R Holder 8-10-0 P Murphy ● 99
9 0P0/13-3 GIOLLA WAY 41 (F,G) (D Seward) D Gandolfo 8-10-0 P Scudamore 86
10 04300/F- KASHILL 335 (F,G,S) (Mrs B Taylor) S Mellor 9-10-0 G Landau —
11 6U4-401 THE FLOORLAYER 49 (CD,F,S) (Beauty Floors Ltd) J Baker 9-10-0 M Williams 90
13 00FF/00 PRINCE VIDAR 20 (Miss P Neal) Miss P Neal 8-10-0 A Webb —

BETTING: 7-2 Imperial Champagne, 4-1 Gerami, 5-1 The Floorlayer, 13-2 Giolla Way, 8-1 Easter Carnival, 10-1 Cariio, 12-1 The Thirsty Farmer, 14-1 others.

1986: TUDOR ROAD 11-10-10 B Powell (9-2) L Kennard 10 ran

3.45 JCR NEWS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,527: 2m 1f) (12 runners)

3 1112-00 ARBITRAGE 19 (CD,S) (D Bay) B Forsey 5-11-10 P Croucher 91
4 40/01-P4 BASSETT BOY 2 (S) (J Ross) J Jenkins 6-11-5 NON-RUNNER 82
5 3U0-422 WINDBOUND LASS 16 (F) (R Savery) R Holder 4-11-4 N Coleman 95
7 30003-0 AVERON 9 (S) (C Wildman) C Wildman 7-11-1 M Bosley ● 99
8 300321- DONAVAN'S CHOICE 198 (B,D,F) (S Hunt) C Popham 5-11-0 B Powell 86
10 1/00F-00 RECORD WING 5 (S) (Small Acorns Racing) D Haydn Jones 9-10-12 D Byrne (7) —
11 41211-P NASKRACKER 110 (F) (C Barnes) M Pipe 4-10-9 P Scudamore 98
12 03120-0 BLACK RIVER 110 (S) (P Davis) P Davis 6-10-9 R Morley (7) 91
13 30010-0 WILTSHIRE YEOMAN 26 (G,S) (Brig A A Sason) P Hayward 7-10-8 P Bowtman 97
16 0P0024 BALLYWEST 20 (F) (Mrs A Weston) R Hodges 9-10-0 W Irvine (7) 98
17 220-100 KING'S CRUSADE 24 (D,G) (P Tsakiris-Ionos) D White 4-10-0 A Carroll 94
19 10/000-0 VIOLINO FANDANGO 37 (S) (Mrs J Cash) T Hallett 9-10-0 D Morris (4) —

BETTING: 100-30 Donavan's Choice, 7-2 Windbound Lass, 9-2 Black River, 5-1 Averon, 13-2 Arbitrage, 12-1 Kings Crusade, 14-1 others.

1986: ARBITRAGE 5-10-12 N Coleman (8-1) B Forsey 16 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
S Mellor	5	14	35.7
R Holder	15	55	27.3
R Hodges	14	116	25.5
M Pipe	26	159	16.4
J Roberts	5	34	14.7
D Elsworth	6	42	14.3

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
N Coleman	12	74	16.2
P Richards	14	100	14.0
C Brown	14	100	14.0
M Williams	7	53	13.2
P Nicholls	8	74	10.8
Peter Hobbs	7	66	10.6

Jinxy Jack equals record

Jinxy Jack became the third National Hunt horse in a year to fetch 100,000 guineas – thus equalling the European auction record – when sold to former part-owner Jack McKinney at the Doncaster November sales on Tuesday.

The Random Shot gelding, formerly trained by his other part-owner Roger Fisher, now joins Gordon Richards' Final Try and Aonoch are the other National Hunt horses to have changed hands for 100,000 guineas.

The West Awake, seen here winning at Cheltenham in March, will again be blinkered when he tackles fences for the first time in the Grants of St James Novices' Chase at Towcester today

Desert Orchid puts in a sparkling exhibition round

By George Rae

A top class chaser attacking his fences with enthusiasm and dash is one of sport's great spectacles, and Desert Orchid again underlined the point with a thrilling display to win the Rank Boxing Day Trial Chase at Kempton Park yesterday.

It was no more than an exhibition round, and at 5-1 on favourite no one had expected otherwise, but Desert Orchid commanded everyone's undivided attention from the off.

Soon in splendid isolation, and jumping with characteristic boldness, he was never threatened by his two rivals. Having been eased to almost a walk at the line by Colin Brown, he came home to appreciative cheers 12 lengths clear of Bishops Yarn with Galway Blaze a length away third.

"Considering he spent so much time on his own, it's remarkable that he did race with so much enthusiasm," David Elsworth said.

"He will now go for the Tingle Creek Chase over two miles at Sandown on December 5. He certainly has no divine right to keep winning and the competition there will stand him in good stead for when he returns here for the King George Chase on Boxing Day."

Pearlyman, the two-mile champion chaser and Desert Orchid's most serious opponent at Sandown, is not a certain runner.

"Sandown was the original plan but there is a possibility that he may go to Ascot on Saturday," trainer John Edwards said.

"I have to speak to the owners first but the Ascot race – the Manicou Handicap Chase – is an attractive opportunity. He would not run at both Ascot and Sandown," Edwards added.

Galway Blaze, making his seasonal debut, pleased trainer Nicky Henderson and is likely to contest the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury, a race he won two years ago, on Saturday

Andrew Longmore profiles Russell Brookes, one of Britain's top drivers in the RAC Rally

A quiet hero coming slowly to the boil

It takes quite a lot to upset Russell Brookes. He is the strong, patient type; the longer and tougher a rally, the better he likes it. So when he raises his voice a fraction and, with deliberation, says he is a "bit annoyed", you can bet your life he is actually mad as hell. The source of Brookes's irritation is the way some people have viewed his one-off deal with Lancia for this year's Lombard RAC Rally.

"They've been so negative. Have I burnt my boats with General Motors? Will Lancia really give me a decent car? No one has said: 'Congratulations, Russell, on putting together a super deal'. I know the problems – I'm not blind – but it's an opportunity to have a go at the RAC Rally in a really competitive car and with the best team in the world. You can't ask for more than that," he says.

The trouble is that, for so many years, Brookes has been taken for granted. In 1979 he came second in the RAC driving an Escort, but for the past five years he has been vainly throwing his Opel Manta into all sorts of heroic postures in an attempt to compete with cars just a notch or two higher up the mechanical scale. In the end, good old, heroic old, Brookes, aged 41, got fed up and, as he puts it, "took the bull by the horns".

He contacted Lancia earlier this year and asked for a fully-prepared works Delta for this year's event, which is a bit like wandering into Maranello and checking up if there is a Ferrari spare for the next grand prix. "I decided some time ago that what I liked about rallying was winning rallies and I was fed up with driving uncompetitive cars," he recalls, smiling at his own cheek.

A man to be trusted with an £85,000 car

There was slightly more to it than that, of course. Brookes had sponsorship behind him in Andrews Heat for Hire, who have backed him for the past 14 years. He is British, born and brought up in the West Midlands, which helps Lancia's publicity efforts in the UK, but, above all, Brookes just happens to be one of the best and most consistent drivers in the business; someone you could trust with £85,000 worth of high-tech rally car.

But the prospect of being the first British winner of the RAC since Roger Clarke in 1976 brings its trials as well. It is easy to be heroic but harder to win, and Brookes is beginning to feel the pressure. In his confident but ungrammatical way, Markku Alen sums it up nicely; "He has the best car and the best team. Now it is what Russell is doing." In other words, there are no excuses.

LOMBARD RAC RALLY

"Up to now I've tried to shut my ears to it but yes, a few days before the rally, I'm beginning to feel the pressure," Brookes said. "Now that I've put this deal together there is added responsibility on me to make it work. But, whatever happens, to get this opportunity is a success in itself and can do me no harm."

Time will tell whether GM will renew his five-year contract after the rally. In the more immediate future, Brookes has one or two other problems. The Delta is left-hand drive and four-wheel drive, both of which are relatively new to Brookes. He will have a limited period to test and there are three other top international drivers in the Lancia team, two of whom – Alen and Kankkunen – will be fighting their own duel for the world drivers' championship.

A chance of getting caught in crossfire

The official line at Lancia is that the best man wins. There are no team orders, and Brookes is, anyway, not part of the factory team – he has paid for his own part-Italian, part-British crew and his own service van – but he admits that it is a possibility he could get caught in the crossfire.

At the moment he is busy trying to come to terms with his new car, which requires a totally different driving technique to his two-wheel drive Astra. "If you lift off the accelerator, the car becomes very unstable, particularly on loose surfaces, so once you brake you have to commit yourself totally to the corner and have your foot hard to the floor," he explains.

In a rare quiet moment during the five days of the rally Brookes might reflect on his first attempt at the RAC 19 years ago. Having rolled his father's Austin Westminster on his first club rally and forfeited his own car to pay for the damage, he took five years to save up enough money to buy a car for his first RAC. It was a Mini 850 and it cost £110. That was in 1968. This could just be the year in which good old, reliable old Russell becomes a winner.

TOMORROW

The final part of our preview will include a stage-by-stage map of the course and profiles of the main contenders.

Rallying fast: Brookes wears the smile of a man who knows he has opened the door to success

Ridley wins battle before the start

Whatever happens to his red and white striped Ford Sierra over the five days of the RAC Rally, Ken Ridley will know that he has fought his biggest battle already this year, and the fact that car No. 136 will take its place on the start line at Chester on Sunday means that he has won it (Andrew Longmore writes).

Earlier this year, Ridley, aged 31, received a letter from the RAC Motor Sport Association saying that he was no longer eligible to hold a competitive licence. But Ridley is one of those cussed characters who refuse to take no for an answer. So he carried a dossier of files down to RAC headquarters in London to lay down some facts: first, that he has been rallying for seven years, with reasonable success; second, that he had completed two previous RAC rallies and, third, that two severely shortened arms and only three fingers on each hand did not necessarily stop you from being a decent rally driver.

The RAC committee deliberated for 20 minutes and then, to its eternal credit, gave him back his licence. The RAC was rightly worried about safety and insurance, but Ridley, whose disability was caused at birth by a drug similar to Thalidomide, still feels the RAC could have handled the situation more tactfully. "Looking back, it was the bluntness of it that annoyed me most. I was refused a licence until I appealed; they should have considered my application on its merits first and then made a decision," he said.

That is all in the past, and the sub-postmaster from Felling, near Gateshead, has proved that, apart from a specially extended gear stick, he can compete on equal terms with the best. In fact, he has found driving far easier than coping with people's attitudes. "It is difficult for people to accept my disability," he said. "The first year I entered the RAC, people were very kind, but I knew they thought I wouldn't last five days. But I did and now I think they accept me better."

This year, with sponsorship from his employers, Post Office Counters Ltd, Ridley finished fourth in his class in the national championships. He does not believe he will ever be good enough to drive a works car, not because of his disability but simply through lack of talent. "It is harder, certainly, but the end result could still be the same if I had the talent," he said. "I'm not one for making excuses; it's not my style."

RUGBY UNION

Injuries in decline but French death is sound reminder

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The death of a French rugby player through violence in the game may serve to focus the minds of clubs and players on the need for discipline and the need for scrupulous records to be kept on how injuries occur on the field.

There has been a Rugby Football Union working party for the last three years, studying the incidence of injuries. Its latest report reveals an encouraging set of figures, while at the same time indicates how few clubs – of the 1,900 affiliates – take the trouble to make returns.

Ian Beer, chairman of the working party, says: "Each year the number of participating clubs has grown, but it is still far short of what is possible. Last season an invitation was sent to each rugby-playing unit affiliated to the RFU; 379 agreed to take part, but only 126 completed the task. There were a considerable number of schools who also helped, but the results were too patchy to do a definitive analysis in time for the fourth report."

During the 1986-87 season, 1,247 injuries were reported within the confines of the working party's study. Pat England, whose medical contribution is so appreciated by the RFU, concludes: "Contrary to many assumptions, the front five appear to be least likely to sustain an injury in all game situations. The survey over three seasons has shown a fall in head injuries and also in serious neck injuries, which may be related to the elimination of the pile-up. Either being tackled, or tackling, together with open play, remains the greatest source of injury.

"However, in each of the last two seasons players have broken their necks without physical contact, by stumbling and falling forward. Therefore, a high proportion of the small number of injuries to the neck are not directly the fault of the game. Poor technique and fitness must be significant contributory factors in injury . . . the importance of proper instruction in tackling techniques cannot be too strongly emphasized."

The report shows that the most injury-prone position is that of flanker, followed by wing. The condition of the playing surface is also an obvious factor: there is a high incidence of head and shoulder injuries on firm ground and of knee injuries on soft ground. As the survey becomes wider, so the incidence of injury falls, the average now being one injury per 4.5 seasons.

There has been some discussion within the RFU coaching committee about the practice followed in Australia of treating injuries on the field of play while the game continues. Frankly, I did not think it would work until I saw it in operation during the summer, but it does. And that means, obviously, more immediate attention for an injured player and fewer stoppages – ergo more rugby being played in the 80-minute time span.

It is, though, relevant to note that many injuries happen in games where no medical attendant is likely to be present. It is also worth bearing in mind that the coaching committee has discussed it in the light of feigned or tactical injuries designed to break up an opponent's pattern of play.

Man on the dark side of the moon

By Gerald Davies

Perhaps what follows should be decently hushed up. But secrets are difficult to keep. Two seasons ago a Welsh selector, now no longer on the panel, was asked what he thought of Robert Jones, the Swansea scrum half. The young player was at that time in his first season out of school but had already played, when time allowed, with some style for the club since he was 17 years of age.

His stamp was precociously and unmistakably first class or so, at least, it seemed to those experts who delight in pontificating. As far as his critics were concerned, his answer came quickly. It made one wonder why Jones did not figure in the plans of this wiseacre selector. How could one so young and so stylish be so curtly be dismissed?

On Tuesday, Robert Jones, who has since played 16 times for Wales before his 22nd birthday (which came 10 days ago), was selected as the Five Nations' player of the World Cup by a panel of journalist drawn from the home countries and France. Perhaps selectors, rather like cabinet ministers, ought not to be too confident in predicting what the future might hold. There are so many of those banana skins, you see.

What was clear two years ago, what was apparent in the World Cup and what is being confirmed again this season is that Jones is manifestly a player of class and delightful talent.

Look at his passing, either to left or to the right: he hits the mark when others at scrum half show a marked and lop-sided preference for one side or the other. The reverse pass, sending the ball one way whilst facing and running the other, is also a speciality when the occasion demands.

He is quick, he is fit but at 5ft 7in and 11st 2lb he is not the commanding figure to which Wales had grown so accustomed with his predecessors, Edwards and Holmes, from whose example, presumably, the selector in question had formed his careless view.

Jones is balanced, proportioned and fit around the shoulder and thigh which is so necessary for a scrum half. Whilst the Welsh fortunes fluctuated during the World Cup, Jones's performances remained constant. He had a brilliant tournament and could compare with the best there. One of his bravest games was his attempt to stem the flow of the powerful All-Black back row.

If Carwyn James once borrowed a poet's phrase and called

Jones: award winner

stand-off halves "the boys of summer" then the scrum half has to work on the dark side of the moon to make them so. Working so close to the gang of flint and pitch at forward, the scrum half needs almost to be of their kind and so very nearly to become one of them to survive; or strain to be nimble and clever enough on his feet to keep himself apart. Jones is of this last order.

Those who maintained that he did not pose a threat to the opposition now find that he has listened to their words and has learned to tease the opposition rather than impose his will upon them. It is not in his nature or physique to be otherwise. He is there to serve the man outside him. He kicks the ball only when it is necessary.

It could be said that – along with Edwards and, before him, Clive Rowlands (who is now his father-in-law) – Jones carries on a tradition of Welsh scrum halves which has lasted for 30 years. This tradition comes out of the Swansea valley and only Terry Holmes, of Cardiff, has interrupted it.

A few weeks ago he had the sternest of challenges at Pontypool Park. It was a stiff test of his character and position. They will not come any harder. All night long he had the undivided attention of David Bishop, who felt that he, an outsider, had many a point to prove. To an extent he did this in a terrific duel, but in concentrating on his own singular competition, Bishop lost sight of the larger one going on outside him. Jones on the other hand looked to the game as a whole and his role within it.

If there was in Bishop's challenge the nature of the snarl of the hard-done-by kid there was the wry shrug of the man sure of himself in Jones's response. He is an honest competitor and the most cheerful of personalities. He smiles a good deal on the field. There is no greater example to Welsh rugby or indeed to the whole game than Robert Jones.

SQUASH RACKETS

Davenport to play out the season

By Colin McQuillan

A whitewash by Central Motors Leicester over Dewsbury in the American Express Premier League this week, achieved in the absence of Stuart Davenport, indicates their strength. They are the only unbeaten team in the first division.

Davenport, aged 25, with only one major title to his name despite a long tenure as world No. 3, has decided to retire from the tournament circuit after playing in the Swiss Masters, which took him away from home this week. He will, however, fulfil at least this season's contract as No. 1 for Leicester.

It is a commitment that provides Leicester with an excellent chance of carrying off the league championship, for although the names behind Davenport are not yet so famous, they carry a wealth of competitive ability.

Jason Nicolle led the line against Dewsbury and managed another of his regular wins over ranked circuit players by beating Anders Wahlstedt, of Sweden, 9-7, 0-9, 8-10, 9-3, 9-4.

Behind Nicolle this week Leicester fielded the last two Amex players of the year – Paul Millington at second string and Mike Robinson at fifth – and at third string, Simon Taylor, the long-limbed young professional who removed Geoff Hunt from the first round of the World Open. Fourth string was Damian Walker.

Even with a match in hand over the other leading first division sides, Leicester already hold second place in the league; and with Davenport in their number for the rest of the season, they are not likely to be easily shifted.

RESULTS: American Express Premier League: Central Motors Leicester 5, Dewsbury Central 0; Castlemaine Weston 2, Jim Hall Sports Northern 3; Fin Smod Herts 4, Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill 1; Village Leisure 4, James Capel Ardleigh 1.

	P	W	L	Pts
Village Leisure	5	4	1	24
Central Motors Leicester	4	4	0	23
Fin Smod Herts	5	3	2	21
InterCity Cammons	4	3	1	20
James Capel Ardleigh	4	3	1	19
Jim Hall Sports Northern	4	1	3	11
Castlemaine Weston	5	0	5	9
Poundstretcher Dunnings	4	1	3	8
Dewsbury Central	5	1	4	5

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JUDO

Kaloghlian is voted president

From Nicolas Soames
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The sober, if not somewhat formal, atmosphere of the congress of the International Judo Federation (IJF) was disrupted by latinate jubilation on the eve of the world championships when the Latin American and African bloc grasped two central posts in international judo. Sarkis Kaloghlian, aged 58, from Argentina, was elected president, and Sawki Shafik, aged 54, from Egypt, technical director.

This presents the rather curious scenario of political power in the sport moving to countries scarcely noted for their judo. In a dry comment, Charles Palmer, the former IJF president and now anhonorary life vice-president, remarked: "I would have been happier if all the countries who voted had judo players."

It shows that even judo is subject to the trials of international sports politics, though this time the Japanese have only themselves to blame. It was the internal rivalry, which saw the old Kodokan faction desperately trying to oust the more vibrant university judo faction, that led to this strange deal with Latin America.

It is even more ironic because, only this year, Kaloghlian, as president of the Pan American Judo Union, narrowly missed suffering the indignity of seeing judo ejected from the Pan American Games

But he was also helped by division within Europe. Georges Pfeifer, of France, polled 50 votes, while Anton Geesink, of The Netherlands, polled 15, despite warnings that he was the only candidate who could protect judo at Olympic level, as he is a member of the International Olympic Committee.

GOLF

Faldo's flat battery makes him fail to start in Japan

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Miami, Hawaii

Nick Faldo, the Open champion, has angered Japanese sponsors by withdrawing from this week's Dunlop Phoenix tournament at the eleventh hour.

Dunlop are furious that Faldo has elected to fly home from here, after competing in the Isuzu Kapalua International here last week, rather than honour a contract to play in their tournament and a specially arranged television match.

Faldo, however, said: "They are entitled to be upset, but the fact is I'm absolutely shattered. I've reached the point where I couldn't face the thought of picking up a club this week. I need to recharge the batteries."

Faldo's management agency – Mark McCormack's IMG Group – intervened, but Dunlop virtually demanded that Faldo should fly to Tokyo and apologize.

Faldo's claim that he is physically exhausted has been supported by a doctor's certificate. Ben Azman, a local doctor here, signed the certificate, which was sent to the Japanese sponsors. It states: "He is suffering from extreme exhaustion and fatigue, and it is medically recommended that he not travel or play golf for two weeks."

"I could have invented an excuse. I could have said I had tonsillitis or a twisted ankle," Faldo said. "Instead, I've been absolutely honest with them."

"I was packed and ready to return to Japan from here, but I realised I couldn't do it. I'm a human being, like anybody else, and I've run out of gas."

Faldo fixed his schedule following his Open Championship success at Muirfield in July. It seemed a tough assignment, following a strenuous season in Europe, to play three events in Japan, the Kapalua International and then return to Japan.

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Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	504	5	10	527	5
2	372	4	11	405	4
3	419	4	12	220	3
4	357	4	13	345	4
5	205	3	14	348	4
6	500	5	15	470	4
7	355	4	16	371	4
8	162	3	17	192	3
9	453	4	18	552	5
Out	3,327	36	In	3,434	36
Total yardage: 6,761				Par: 72	

Some observers thought it was especially crazy, as Faldo could have originally arranged to remain here, because he had qualified to play for England in the 33rd World Cup of Golf, which was due to start on the Bay Course yesterday.

The trouble is that Faldo innocently found himself on the type of merry-go-round which in the past has lead to some Open champions burning themselves out. "I've hardly had any time off since the Open," he said. "There have been pressure weeks like the Ryder Cup and the Dunhill Cup. They take their toll.

"Quite honestly, I haven't been happy with my game over the last month or so. That has made it tougher. Everything depends on what level you want to play at. I want to give my best all the time, but at present I don't feel that I am. I'm having mediocre days, which you can't do if you want to win nowadays when the competition is so tough. To win I need to be rested in body and mind: I know I wouldn't have done myself justice in Japan."

Faldo's only remaining engagement this year is the Million Dollar Challenge in Sun City in two weeks' time. There he will be confronted again by Ian Woosnam, who is in action here this week for Wales.

It must be galling to Faldo that while he has failed to win again since Muirfield, Woosnam has gone from strength to strength by heading the Order of Merit and winning the prestigious World Match Play Championship. There is also talk of Woosnam being hailed on both sides of the Atlantic as the player of the year.

In essence Faldo, is already paying a high price for being only the third British player in recent times to win the Open. The list of personal appearances grows with such success so that life becomes a seven-days-a-week chore.

The rewards, of course, are fantastic in terms of the bank balance, but taking on too much is not only time-consuming but also energy-sapping. Ten-hour time changes and the like can play havoc with the body. Faldo would do well to follow the pattern of Severiano Ballesteros and play less rather than more in 1988.

Meanwhile, the start of the World Cup was hit by a heavy rainstorm with England (Howard Clark and Mark James), Ireland (Eamonn Darcy and Ronan Rafferty), Scotland (Sandy Lyle and Sam Torrance) and Wales (David Llewellyn and Woosnam) all waiting to move into action. Scotland won the curtain-raising pro-am, during which Darcy holed in one at the short eighth to help Ireland secure third place.

● NEW YORK: Tammie Green has beennamed the LPGA's Rookie of the Year, while the Player of the year is Ayako Okamoto, who also won the LPGA Series title and topped the money list (AP reports).

UNIVERSITIES RUGBY

Durham over first hurdle

By Michael Stevenson

When Ted Wood, of Durham University, was appointed to coach the Northern Division it was not only a compliment to the man and his university but also to the whole UAU set-up that he has done so much to foster; once again Durham University, the holders, must be joint favourites with Loughborough University, for the UAU championship, the final of which will be on March 9.

There are a number of hurdles to be surmounted but Durham are over the first. As winners of their group they are spared the chore of playing off as second or third in the group, to ascertain which eight teams will join the eight group winners in the knock-out stage.

One of the anomalies of the UAU competition is the vast difference between the top sides and the strugglers. A case in point is Bradford University, who, for the first time, emerged last season as group winners. Playing in the same group as Nottingham University and Loughborough this winter, they managed to beat Nottingham, who have reached the final twice in the last four years, but were themselves annihilated by Loughborough (54-3).

Ian Grant, secretary of the UAU and a distinguished athletics coach, stresses the seesaw element in university sport with the case of Exeter University men's hockey: "Exeter have won the UAU championship eight times out of the last 12 years, yet this season they couldn't even win their group."

If form were to be reproduced faithfully, which is far from certain, a quarter-final rugby line-up might be: Loughborough v East Anglia, Birmingham v Manchester, Swansea v Exeter and Durham v Imperial College. This could spawn semi-finals between Loughborough and Manchester and Durham and Swansea

Grant also stresses the crucial contribution to student sport to be made by staff or other adults: "It is a tremendous help to the students for men like Ted Wood, Bob Reeves of Bristol, Vaughan Williams, of Nottingham, and Stan Addicot, of Swansea, to be involved but occasionally you get an outstanding student who can cope well on his own."

Imperial College, comfortable winners of their group, have been UAU members for four years. Among four good wins this season, their most pleasing would undoubtedly be their 19-3 victory over Brunel, who have often dominated their group.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FA Cup
First round
Welling v Carshalton

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Derby v Aston Villa (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Carlsberg League: Birmingham v BCP London; Derby v Manchester United (8.0).

BOWLS: Indoor county matches: Bedfordshire v Middlesex (at Bedford Borough); Oxfordshire v Northamptonshire (at Isis, Oxford).

BOXING: British light-welterweight championship: Lloyd Christie v Chris Blake (at Latchmere leisure centre, Battersea). Tournament: Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare.

SQUASH RACKETS: American Express Premier League (6.30): Lambs (London) v Sun Alliance (Bromley); Tennents Riverside v Exeter GCC; Meridian Stripes (Ealing) v Portsmouth.

SWIMMING: Hewlett-Packard ASA National short course championships (at Ipswich).

TENNIS: LTA Women's indoor tournament (at Croydon).

SPORT ON TV

GOLF: World Cup of Golf from Kapalua club, Maui, Hawaii, GB 12.15-2.15 a.m. (tomorrow).

Ulster include Morrison to meet Leinster

Colin Morrison, the Malone lock forward, for John Rogers, of Bangor, is the only change in the Ulster team to meet Leinster at Lansdowne Road on Saturday week from that which defeated Connacht in Galway last weekend (George Ace writes).

But Morrison, who also missed the games against Munster through injury will have to prove his fitness in a club game on Saturday.

ULSTER: P Rainey, (Ballymena); T Ringland (Ballymena), W Herbinson (London Irish), D Irwin (Instonians, capt), K Crossan (Instonians); P Russell (Instonians), R Brady (Ballymena); B McKibbin (Instonians), J McDonald (Malone), J McCoy (Bangor), P Matthews (Wanderers), W Anderson (Dungannon), C Morrison (Malone), D McBride (Malone), D Marrow (Bangor). Replacements: S Smith (Ballymena), P Millar (Ballymena), J Rogers (Bangor), S Cowan (Malone), C Wilkinson (Malone), J Hewitt (London Irish).

Provincial Championship table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ulster	2	1	1	0	30	13	3
Munster	2	1	1	0	20	13	3
Leinster	2	1	1	0	23	29	2
Connacht	2	0	0	2	22	40	0

MATCHES REMAINING: Leinster v Ulster (Lansdowne Road); Connacht v Munster (Galway).
To be played on November 28.

Macklin loss a problem for the Anglos

The Anglo-Scots will train at Richmond on Sunday before announcing their XV for the first round of the McEwan's District championship, which begins for them in the Borders against the South of Scotland on November 28 and continues two days later against the North and Midlands in Dunfermline (David Hands writes).

The team will be built largely around that which beat the touring French side in September, though the departure of Jerry Macklin to South America has left a void at No. 8. Filling it is made no easier by the proximity of the University match.

Ideally the Anglos would like to select a XV that will last throughout the district championship but neither university will take kindly to having key players removed for their final rehearsal before Twickenham, nor risk them being injured in outside games.

The Anglos have the option of moving Graham Marshall, the Wakefield flanker, or Iain Morrison, of London Scottish, to No. 8.

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FOOTBALL

Pressure on Bassett mounts after new defeat

By Martin Searby

Watford's exit from the Littlewood's Cup brought further speculation that Manchester City, of the second division, had put another nail in the coffin being prepared for Dave Bassett, who took over as manager at Vicarage Road last June.

But the man who steered Wimbledon through all four divisions of the Football League, a feat also achieved by his predecessor, Graham Taylor, refuses to die the death the media have planned for him.

After the 3-1 defeat at Maine Road he said: "Virtually every morning since I took the job I have woken up to read in the morning paper that I am getting the sack. I have got used to it and learnt to live with the constant criticism. It puts more pressure on the players than on me which is a bit unfair.

"I should point out that no member of the Watford board of directors has discussed the situation with me so far and until they do everything else is wild speculation."

There is a touch of irony that Manchester City are the club on the crest of the wave since Bassett's name was linked with the club before Mel Machin was appointed team manager last May.

He has seen his side score 34 goals in a nine-match unbeaten run that has taken them to the quarter-finals of the Littlewoods Cup and from seventeenth to ninth place in the second division.

"The first result came at Bradford but the real and detectable change in attitude surfaced in the dressing-room at Ipswich, where we had just lost 3-0," Machin says. "I have never come across anything quite like it, there was a collective hardening of approach which carried through the next seven days and set us off on our run."

A team that had not won away from home for almost two years has now won three in succession and the faithful are back at Maine Road.

Arsenal stretched their unbeaten record still further at Highbury, beating Stoke City 3-0 to clinch a place in the quarter-finals, despite a lethargic start and a missed penalty from Davis. Goals from O'Leary, Rocastle and Hayes sealed Stoke's fate and took Arsenal's run to 14 games without defeat.

Ipswich Town had the run of play at home to Luton Town, despite falling behind after five minutes when the Stein brothers combined to score their fifth goal in three games. Ipswich had a strong penalty appeal turned down after 27 minutes and failed to convert their subsequent possession into goals, ending up 1-0 losers.

Joe Royle's return to Goodison Park as manager of Oldham Athletic was an unhappy one as Everton struggled to a 2-1 victory. Irwin put Oldham ahead after 14 minutes but Everton equalised through Watson after the interval and, with five minutes remaining, booked their passage into the last eight with Adam's headed goal — his first at senior level.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

LITTLEWOODS CUP: Fourth round: Arsenal 3, Stoke 0; Everton 2, Oldham 1; Ipswich 0, Luton 1; Manchester City 3, Watford 1.

FA CUP: First round replays: Atherstone 0, VS Rugby 2; Chesterfield 0, Notts County 1; Mansfield 4, Preston 2; Rotherham 2, Doncaster 0; Stockport 2, Telford 0; Walsall 2, Southend 1.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Shrewsbury 2, Sheffield United 0.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Enfield 2, Maidstone 4; Stafford 0, Macclesfield 1; Wealdstone 1, Cheltenham 4; Wycombe 1, Sutton United 1.

FINE FARE SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Dunfermline 0, Falkirk 0; Motherwell 0, Celtic 2; Rangers 0, Aberdeen 1; St Mirren 1, Dundee 2.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Austria 2, Romania 1; France 2, East Germany 2; Spain 3, Albania 0; West Germany 0, Netherlands 2.

EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying tie: Northern Ireland 0, Republic of Ireland 0.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Cup: Second round, first leg: Standard Liège 2, Harelbeke 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Swindon 0, Queen's Park Rangers 3; Millwall 0, Portsmouth 0.

GMAC CUP: Second round replay: Harrow 1, Dagenham 0.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch 0, Leicester United 0; Aylesbury 1, Shepshed Charterhouse 0. Westigate Insurance Cup: First round: Bedworth 3, Moor Green 5; Hastings 5, Thanet 2; Waterlooville 2, Fareham 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bradford 0, Leeds 2; Grimsby 0, Sheffield Wednesday 1; Liverpool 5, Sunderland 0. Second division: Preston 1, Middlesbrough 0; York 1, Blackburn 3.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Millwall 0, Portsmouth 0; Swindon 0, Queen's Park Rangers 3.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor City 3, Rhyl 0; Buxton 1, Frickley 2; Glossbrough 1, Chorley 5; Morecambe 2, Caernarfon 0; Southport 3, Workington 0. First division: Droylsden 3, Radcliffe Borough 3; Stalybridge Celtic 4, Leek 2.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Uxbridge 1, Basildon 1; Woking 5, Wolverton 0. Second division north: Hemel Hempstead 0, Barton Rovers 2; Hornchurch 2, Tilbury 2; Saffron Walden 1, Rainham 3. Second division south: Camberley 0, Horsham 1; Metropolitan Police 1, Yeading 1. AC Delco Cup: Second round: Barking 3, Farnborough 0; Berkhamsted 1, Maidenhead United 0; Billericay 5, Windsor and Eton 2 (aet); Hampton 4, Walton and Hersham 3; Hayes 7, Haringey Borough 0; Kingstonian 3, Leyton-Wingate 1; Leytonstone/Ilford 1, St Albans 0; Marlow 1, Wembley 2; Tooting and Mitcham 0, Bromley 4; Kingsbury 2, Hendon 1 (aet); Grays 0, Bishop's Stortford 0 (aet); Staines 2, Southwick 1 (aet).

DRYBROUGH'S NORTHERN LEAGUE: Joshua Tetley League Cup: Blyth 3, Tow Law 1.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CHARITY CUP: Ruislip 2, Clapton 1.

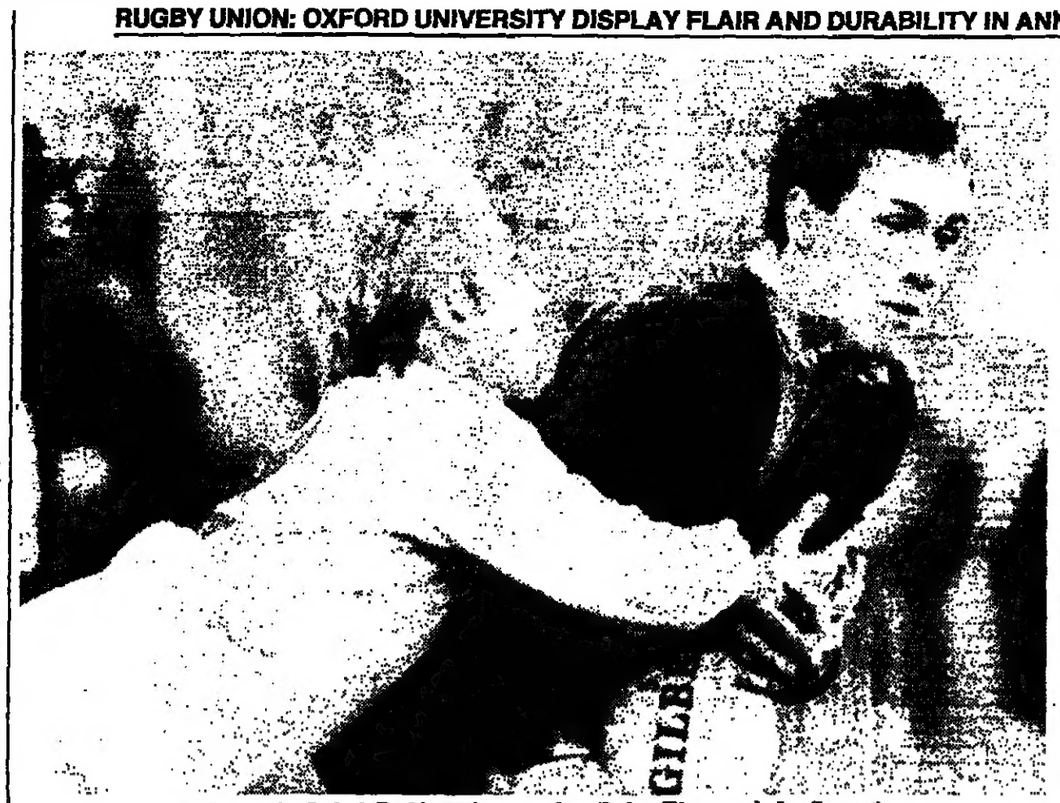
HERTFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: First round: Barnet 1, Hitchin Town 2.

ESSEX SENIOR TROPHY: Second round replay: Harwich and Parkestone 1, Wivenhoe 3.

HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP: First round: Basley 1, Basingstoke 0.

KNIGHT FLOODLIT LEAGUE: Witham 1, Collier Row 0; Stansted 1, Stevenage 1. Postponed: Irlam v Netherfield.

RUGBY UNION: OXFORD UNIVERSITY DISPLAY FLAIR AND DURABILITY IN ANNUAL MATCH AT IFFLEY ROAD



Breakthrough for Oxford: Duthie getting away from Rydon (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Trying time for championship leaders

By George Ace

Noel Murphy and Pat Whelan, president and coach of Munster, are a formidable partnership. Both are former internationals with Murphy, the national coach in the late 1970s, and both are streetwise when it comes to a little "how's your father" so far as Munster is concerned.

After Munster's win over Leinster in Limerick at the weekend, rumours abounded that Connacht and Munster might agree, with the Irish Rugby Football Union's blessing, to the playing of their inter-provincial match in Galway on Sunday November 29, instead of the day before — the date already approved and the same day in which Leinster meet Ulster at Landsdowne Road. No one, however, directly admitted that the president and the coach were involved. And only those with suspicious minds may think they were.

Various reasons were given for this switch, the principal two being that it would be beneficial to the selectors to be able to take in both games before naming the teams for the final trial in Dublin on December 17, and that the Connacht branch would benefit from an increased gate on Sunday afternoon.

No one can argue with these points; nor can anyone disagree that the playing of the match on Sunday would load the dice heavily in Munster's favour so far as being the recipients of the first trophy ever awarded for the Provincial Championship — the Heineken Bowl.

Ulster and Munster head the championship table with three points each from two games. Should Ulster defeat Leinster for the fourth season in succession and Munster account for Connacht, they would finish joint champions. But the Heineken Bowl would be awarded to the province scoring the most tries in the three-match series.

Ulster have scored four tries to two by Munster. No matter what happens at Landsdowne Road on the Saturday, Munster will know what is required of them on the Sunday. If Ulster lose or draw, Munster have only to beat Connaht to become champions; if Ulster win, Munster, to claim the trophy, must win and also score in excess of two tries plus the number of tries, if any, Ulster may score in Dublin.

That aspect of the outcome of the championship would surely not be lost on Murphy and Whelan and who can blame them? It must be conceded that if a team knows exactly what it has to do the tactics will be geared accordingly.

There is no doubt in the mind of the Ulster captain, David Irwin, what his colleagues must do in Dublin on Saturday week. Whether they play on Saturday or Sunday in Galway is not occupying his thoughts just now, but it is a good bet it certainly is much in the minds of rugby folk in the deep south and the west.

Hackney's speed in Stanley's attack irresistible

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Oxford University 19
Major R V Stanley's XV 33

It is many a year since there has been such a good crowd or such a good contest for them to watch in this annual match at Iffley Road. If the scoreline yesterday of three goals, three tries and a dropped goal against two goals, a try and a penalty goal indicates a heavy defeat for the students, it takes no account of the brio which they showed in attack and their durability in defence.

They did, however, run short of possession in the second half. Campbell, as a lineout source, dried up and the side that spent most time going forward — Stanley's — also won most of the loose ball. Therefore they were able to lay on a feast of attacking rugby in which Hackney's extreme pace proved irresistible and made one forget his defensive weaknesses of the first half.

Sometimes these games involving invitation sides become loose in the extreme. This, save for the final 10 minutes, was not one of them; the tries were earned and Oxford can even take heart from the performance of Brown, the Western Province centre, who came on as a replacement for the injured Rydon and demonstrated considerable skill.

The university have a solid scrum and Taylor, their scrum half, has come on in leaps and bounds since the start of term, but they were opposed by an eight full of young forwards keen to do well. Mullins, for example, has a magnificent physique for a prop but travels at considerable speed too; it was his support of Hackney that allowed Kennedy to score Stanley's fifth try and had Simon Smith's hands not let him down in the last quarter, the visitors might have added to their score.

Oxford held the lead only once in this match sponsored by Yamaichi. Having conceded the sort of try to Halliday that must have annoyed Calcraft, their captain, Egerton — who was involved in so much of the university's constructive offence — chipped ahead to make a try for Vessey and Johnson kicked a penalty.

By half-time, however, the visitors led 17-7 and already showed rare appreciation of each other's desire to move the ball. Brian Smith, who may conceivably interest Oxford's recruitment sources, sprayed passes around with authority, even if his kicking tended to find his fellow Australian, Egerton.

Shortly after the break Duthie took two tackles and Egerton came through at great pace for the try which carried Oxford to within a score. Then, however, Stanley's imposed themselves; Hackney, the Loughborough University student, turned up twice outside Simon Smith to score though the university had the last word when Duthie sent Mullin on his way.

SCORERS: Oxford University: Tries: Vessey, Egerton, Mullin. Conversions: Johnson (2). Penalty: Johnson. Major Stanley's XV: Tries: Hackney (2), Halliday, Luddington, Richards, Kennedy. Conversions: B Smith (3). Dropped goal: B Smith.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: R Egerton (Sydney University and University); *R Vessey (Magdalen School and Green), *B Mullin (Blackrock College and University), *A Duthie (AHU and Balliol), I McDonald (Cheadle Hulme and Exeter); *A Johnson (Radley and St Catherine's), B Taylor (Whitgift and University); V Ubogu (West Buckland and St Anne's), *J Chalett (Plymouth College and Keble), N Peacock (Nunthorpe GS and St Edmund Hall), *W Calcraft (University of New South Wales and Brasenose, capt), *C Crane (West Monmouth GS and St Edmund Hall), W Campbell (University of Queensland and St Catherine's), A Rolfe (St Andrew's College, Grahamstown and St Edmund Hall), *N McBain (Ampleforth and St Anne's).

MAJOR R V STANLEY'S XV: H MacNeill (London Irish and Ireland); S Smith (Wasps and England), S Halliday (Bath and England, capt), R Rydon (Richmond) (rep, M Brown, Stellenbosch University and Worcester College), S Hackney (Loughborough University and West Hartlepool); B Smith (Queensland and Australia), R Luddington (Rosslyn Park); A Mullins (Harlequins), R Crerar (Richmond), P Kennedy (London Irish and Ireland), A Brooks (Rosslyn Park), A Oyagi (Kobe Steel and Japan), N Redman (Bath and England), S Griffin (Pontypridd), D Richards (Leicester and England).

Referee: F Howard (Liverpool).

* A Blue.

BOXING

Experienced Christie looks a cut above Blake

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

If Chris Blake, of Croydon, succeeds in relieving Lloyd Christie, of Coventry, of the British light-welterweight title at the Latchmere Leisure Centre, Battersea, tonight, the bout could become a leading contender for the upset of the year — unless Rocky Kelly knocks it out by defeating Kirkland Laing next week.

It is not that Blake has not got the punch to stop the champion, but the difference in experience could prove too great for the blond challenger. Blake has been boxing for two years, Christie for five. Blake has had only 13 bouts, Christie 39. True, Blake has not been beaten and Christie has lost 16 times, but the champion has travelled widely in Europe and learnt the ways of the world. Blake's longest journey was to Bayswater a year ago.

During most of his career Christie has lived in the shadow of his talented brother, Errol, and contented himself with being the matchmaker's best friend — the opponent. Blake's opponents have been hand picked. And if Christie had not lifted the British title by stopping Tony McKenzie in three rounds and found a new belief in himself, one day he too could have ended up another Blake "opponent".

One can well believe Christie's manager, Pat Lynch, when he says: "Barring accidents, Lloyd will be too experienced, too durable, too smart for Blake. Lloyd has travelled all over Europe and met all sorts of opponents and even fought above his weight." Christie has a good win over the world-ranked light-middleweight, Said Skouma, of France, who once gave Jimmy Cable, of Britain, a tremendous fight.

The challenger seems to be made for a cagey pro like Christie, for Blake "comes to fight". He has short, stinging combinations to the body and head but must come close in to deliver them and in so doing can be picked off by Christie's long punches.

If only Blake had enough ability to stand off and box and wait for solid openings. But he is at his best when going forward. It is almost as if he has to live up to his blond good looks and go in fighting face first. "You can't keep going forward face first against a seasoned pro like Lloyd and not pay for it," Lynch said. "Lloyd will stop Blake between the sixth and eighth rounds."

Blake has a good chin, though, and that could mean he could take more punishment than is necessary. In his last bout, against Lennie Gloster in a final eliminator at the Elephant and Castle last March, his face was badly marked at the end of the tenth round. It would not be surprising to see the challenger stopped on cuts.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wakefield get there eventually

By Keith Macklin

It took Wakefield Trinity 27 minutes to get the measure of York in the John Player Special Trophy first round replay yesterday, but they then ran out comfortable winners, 30-6.

Hammerton scored a try for York after four minutes, and for a while the home side subjected the Trinity line to heavy pressure. However, Harcombe landed two penalties, and Trinity went ahead when he followed up with a try and conversion. From this point Trinity were on top, and before half-time Eden scored their second try.

In the second half York tried desperately to get back into the match, and Ellis landed a penalty goal. But when Halliwell was sent to the sin bin for 10 minutes, York failed to take advantage of superior numbers. And when the powerful player returned, he was a major influence in Trinity's late scoring spree.

He was directly involved with tries scored by Lennon and Bell, and the York resistence had been worn down when Eden scored his second and Wakefield's fifth try near the end. Harcombe completed five goals.

Trinity now visit Springfield Borough, the Wigan-based club, in the second round on Sunday.

● Five more players appeared before the management committee at Leeds yesterday following the brawls that took place during the Yorkshire Cup final replay between Castleford and Bradford Northern. Three of them, Skerrett, Heron and Hobbs, were from Bradford; the other two, England and Hill, from Castleford.

They were each fined £100 for taking part in a brawl, the same fine as that inflicted on six other players from the two sides who appeared before the committee last week.

● Oldham have offered terms to Steve Robinson, aged 24, the Saddleworth Rangers and Lancashire amateur winger who scored a last-minute try, as a trialist, in Sunday's John Player win over Bradford Northern. The second division leaders hope to sign Robinson permanently in time for him to make his professional debut in the second round at Batley this weekend.

HOCKEY

Slimmon quick to corner London

By Sydney Friskin

Cambridge University ... 3
London University 1

Guy Slimmon, the Cambridge University captain, stylishly converted two early short corners to lay the foundations of victory over London University in their Pizza Express London League match at Fenner's yesterday.

Cambridge survived an early onslaught by London, who missed two chances. A slip in defence let in Coleman, who put his shot wide, and Shrimpton just failed to overcome the goalkeeper's challenge.

After Castensiold had split the London defence with a penetrating run, Cambridge forced the first short corner of the match in the twelfth minute and Slimmon drove the ball home along the ground. Four minutes later, Stenner ran through on his own to force another short corner and, once again, Slimmon was on target.

London, stirred by these setbacks, took play deep into Cambridge territory with Krishman effectively leading the assaults which, however, broke down at crucial moments. At the end of the first-half, Cambridge had a chance to score through Higgin but he was dispossessed in the nick of time by O'Donnel.

Three minutes into the second half London were awarded their first short corners. The ball was neatly worked to the left of the circle where the unmarked Krishman pushed it into an empty goal and London seemed to be back in the match.

But Cambridge were quick to retaliate. Slimmon had a shot from a short corner taken off the line by Shrimpton, whose clearance was snapped up by Stenner. The London defence was soon in disarray and although Purvis saved well, Bell scored on the follow-up.

London redoubled their efforts and King just failed to score on the reverse before Pearce, in the Cambridge goal, saved from Shrimpton. Further attacks by London made little impression.

On their previous visit to Fenner's two years ago, London beat Cambridge 4-1, but then they profited from the marksmanship of Robert Thompson, who has now moved to Hounslow. This was the fourth win in nine matches for Cambridge; London are still struggling for their first win.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: C Pearce (Dulwich College and St John's); R Middleton (Whitgift and Downing), B McKee (Bangor and Robinson), *M Partington (Millfield and Emmanuel), *G Slimmon (KCS Wimbledon and Downing, capt), *J Stenner (The Perse and Magdalene), *E Castensiold (Bedford and Magdalene), M Brayshaw (Regis GS and Girton), G Higgin (Royal Belfast Academical Institute and Clare), *C Bell (Bedford and Magdalene), S McNally (St George's Weybridge and Sidney Sussex).

LONDON UNIVERSITY: *K Purvis (Queen Mary's College); *P O'Donnel (St Mary's Hospital), A Holmes (Goldsmiths), *P Kirkland (St Thomas's Hospital), *M Blake (Kings College), *M Ward (Wye College), *M Riley (Goldsmiths), P Krishman (Queen Mary's College), I King (RHBNC), M Coleman (Imperial College), *P Shrimpton (University College Hospital, capt).

Umpires: F Lockhart (Eastern Counties) and P Everett (Southern Counties).

* Denotes a Blue or a Purple.

SPORT IN BRIEF

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): New Jersey Nets 114, Houston Rockets 111; Cleveland Cavaliers 108, Boston Celtics 88; Milwaukee Bucks 120, Golden State Warriors 108; Chicago Bulls 105, Washington Bullets 101; San Antonio Spurs 122, Los Angeles Clippers 121 (OT); Utah Jazz 120, Denver Nuggets 110; Los Angeles Lakers 142, Portland Trail Blazers 115; Indiana Pacers 125, Sacramento Kings 111.
CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Calderdale 108 (Finlay 29, Harris 21), Sunderland 87 (Lynch 17, Hall 11).

FOOTBALL

QUEENS PARK SHIELD: Scottish Universities Championship: Glasgow 1, Dundee 5; Heriot Watt 4, Aberdeen 1; Edinburgh 0, Strathclyde 0; Stirling 7, St Andrew's 4.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Detroit Red Wings 1, Washington Capitals 0; New York Islanders 4, Los Angeles Kings 3; Boston Bruins 6, Calgary Flames 3; Vancouver Canucks 6, Pittsburgh Penguins 4.

RACKETS

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Wellington HS bt Tonbridge, 2-15, 10-15, 15-12, 14-17, 15-9, 15-10, 15-8.
QUEEN'S CLUB: Noel Bruce Cup, public school old boys competition: Third round: Rugby I (J S Male and J P Snow) bt Malvern II (J G Hughes and P Titchener), 15-2, 15-1, 15-4, 15-11; Eton II (T M Brudenell and D Ruck-Keene) bt Haileybury II (S Kwendal and J Symonds), 15-10, 15-7, 15-7, 14-18, 8-15, 17-16.

RUGBY FIVES

WINCHESTER: Jesters (D Barnes, R Barr, P Reader and P Kingsbury) beat Wessex Club (V Aldous, J Sabben Clare, S North and F Akerman), 120-75.

SQUASH RACKETS

LONDONDERRY CUP: First Round: Wellington OB bt St Edward's OB, 3-2.
SPLIEREN: Swiss Open: First round: C Robertson (Aus) bt Qamar Zaman (Pak), 9-0, 9-3, 9-2; R Hill (Aus) bt S Davenport (NZ), 9-5, 9-2, 9-3; R Norman (NZ) bt T Nancarrow (Aus), 9-7, 9-1, 9-3; R Thorne (Aus) bt B Martin (Aus), 9-5, 9-1, 9-0.

TENNIS

JOHANNESBURG: South African Open championships: First round: G Forget (Fr) bt K Jones (US), 6-3, 6-4; J Hlasek (Switz) bt J Courier (US), 6-2, 6-2; S Youl (Aus) bt N Broad (SA), 7-6, 6-7, 7-6; O Pete (US) bt C Limberger (Aus), 6-1, 7-6; K Curren (US) bt S Davis (US), 6-4, 4-6, 7-5; A Menadorf (Isr) bt C Steyn (SA), 7-6, 6-2.
BUENOS AIRES: Argentine Open men's championship singles: First round: M Jaite (Arg) bt R Arguello (Arg), 6-2, 6-2; G Garetto (Arg) bt R Aguinor (Holl), 3-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4; H de la Pena (Arg) bt D Perez (Uru), 6-3, 6-4; F Davin (Arg) bt L Mattar (Br), 6-3, 7-6 (7-2); J Aguilera (Sp) bt G Bloom (Isr), 6-2, 6-2; J Frana (Arg) bt J Sanchez (Sp), 6-4, 6-2; S Casal (Sp) bt C Motta (Br), 3-6, 6-2, 7-5; A Mancini (Arg) bt J Gurfein (US), 6-2, 7-5.
GRAND PRIX STANDINGS: (US unless stated): 1, I Lendl (Cz) 4,779pts; 2, S Edberg (Swe), 4,264; 3, M Wilander (Swe), 3,519; 4, M Mecir (Cz), 2,852; 5, B Becker (WG), 2,368; 6, J Connors, 2,295; 7, P Cash (Aus), 1,874; 8, T Mayotte, 1,615; 9, B Gilbert, 1,642; 10, A Gomez (Ec), 1,587; 11, Y Noah (Fr), 1,533; 12, A Jarryd (Swe), 1,495; 13, E Sanchez (Sp), 1,442; 14, J McEnroe, 1,295; 15, M Jaite (Arg), 1,268; 16, S Zivojinovic (Yug), 1,110; 17, K Carlsson (Swe), 1,087; 18, J Nystrom (Swe), 1,032; 19, O Pete, 992; 20, J Hlasek (Cz), 861.
LEADING ATP MONEY-WINNERS: 1, I Lendl (Cz), $982,056 (about £571,000); 2, S Edberg (Swe), $937,487; 3, M Mecir (Cz), $850,326; 4, M Wilander (Swe), $872,574; 5, T Mayotte (US), $413,821; 6, P Cash (Aus), $412,609; 7, B Becker (WG), $371,978; 8, J McEnroe (US), $365,765; 9, B Gilbert (US), $362,162; 10, A Jarryd (Swe), $360,977; 11, A Gomez (Ec), $349,892; 12, E Sanchez (Sp), $345,683; 13, Y Noah (Fr), $328,503; 14, J Connors (US), $312,055; 15, T Smid (Cz), $299,198; 16, R Seguso (US), $228,022; 17, J Nystrom (Swe), $227,215; 18, S Zivojinovic (Yug), $220,824.

TABLE TENNIS

England's Olympic hopefuls

By Richard Eaton

England hope to celebrate the much-merited inclusion of the sport in the Olympic Games by having at least three players qualify from the European zone tournament at Karlsruhe in West Germany.

The parlour pastime has become one of the biggest sports in the world with more than 130 countries affiliated to the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), and the scramble for Seoul begins today and continues until Sunday.

Near the top of the pile with a good chance of making the 12 qualifying places allocated for European men are Carl Prean, the National Top 12 champion, and Alan Cooke, his predecessor. Cooke recently beat the former European champion, Mikael Appelgren, and Prean beat the German No. 1, Georg Bohm, in the Bundesliga, and on that sort of form they are well capable of fighting off challenges from France, Germany, Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union.

Lisa Lomas, the European bronze medallist, ought also to qualify, and although it would be a bonus if Fiona Elliot, the national champion, and Alison Gordon, the former national champion, make it, their chances have been improved by the last-moment change of policy from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) regarding the allocation of women's places.

Following requests from the ITTF, the IOC has softened its rather sexist line and the number of women allowed in Seoul has risen from 32 to 48, compared with 64 men. The number of European women qualifying this week will now be eight, not six, which still leaves a lot to do for Elliot and Gordon, ranked 38 and 29 respectively in Europe.

Meanwhile, England's other national champion, Desmond Douglas, has already gained direct acceptance to the Olympics based on his ranking of world No. 12. The latest feelings are that the European Top 12 champion may have been granted his request for a cancellation of his contract with the English Table Tennis Association following his £833 fine for boycotting the National Top 12.

BOBSLEIGHING

Monopoly broken by Appelt

From Chris Moore
Winterberg

Ingo Appelt, of Austria, broke the Swiss-East German monopoly in four-man competition with a convincing victory in the second round of the Foster's World Cup series here yesterday. It was the first time in the 10-year history of the Velhins Cup that the gold medal had not gone to either of the two nations, which have dominated the sport.

The Swiss and East Germans were even run out of the silver and bronze as well, a failure that suggests the balance of power could be shifting significantly in this Olympic season.

However, the unusually mild conditions over the last two days were clearly not to the liking of either the Swiss or East Germans who both tend to thrive on colder ice. Appelt's task was made easier by the withdrawal of last week's two-man champion, Wolfgang Hoppe, who injured a leg while warming up for the third run.

But it is doubtful whether even East Germany's reigning Olympic champion could have beaten Appelt after he had clocked the fastest time of the competition of 56.47sec on the opening run. That gave him a commanding 0.75sec advantage going into the final run over the overnight leader Anton Fischer, of West Germany.

Hans Hiltebrand, the world champion, made a late bid to spare Swiss blushes with the best time on the final lauf of 57.39sec. But Appelt followed him down in 57.40sec to finish 0.81sec ahead of Fischer, with a fellow-Austrian, Peter Kienast, taking the bronze.

Mark Tout, of Britain, moved up two places yesterday to finish a creditable tenth with Tom De La Hunty in a three-way tie for eleventh place.

RESULTS: 1, Austria II (I Appelt), 3min 48.30sec (57.27, 57.16, 56.47, 57.40); 2, West Germany I (A Fischer), 3:49.11; 3, Austria I (P Kienast), 3:49.23; 4, Switzerland I (H Hiltebrand), 3:49.39; 5, Switzerland II (R Pichler) 3:49.64; 6, West Germany III (M Sperr), 3:50.04. Britain: 10, Britain II (M Tout), 3:51.09 (57.52, 58.23, 57.38, 57.96); 12, Britain III (T de la Hunty) 3:51.17 (57.62, 58.03, 57.55, 57.97); 24, Britain I (N Phippe) 3:53.56 (58.17, 58.69, 58.15, 58.55).

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Forest cling to their lead

By George Chesterton

Forest 1
Highgate 0

Forest, entertaining Highgate, nearly had cause to rue the chances they missed in the first half, but they still came safely home by a single goal.

In the first few minutes Highgate played sparkling football which they never quite repeated. Forest came back into the game well marshalled by Barnett and they took control in midfield and one chance after another was created, from one of these Risby had the ball in the net but he was offside. From there on first Gray shot over the bar then Barnett laid on a chance for Akrasi but he went too high, Olende volleyed yet another shot over the bar from a corner.

Shortly into the second half with a long shot by Hassan it was Highgate's turn to brush the bar and Selkus their substitute with his first kick crossed the ball which ran free across the goal. Forest were not to be deprived, their goal came with 20 minutes left when Bidecant turned just outside the penalty area and shot low and wide of Rowland in the Highgate goal.

Highgate made frenzied efforts to equalize having two good chances and they even had one disallowed goal but Forest were able to cling on to their lead which they had deservedly gained.

FOREST: J Clark; M Gray, L Barr, A Hayes, S McFadean-Ferguson, B Barnett, C Olende, R Marmott, P Risby, S Bidecant, A Akrasi.
HIGHGATE: P Rowland; E Wass, J Hlongwane, D Michael, K Jay, H Hassan, D Luka, R Booth, M Barry, A Chan (sub: D Selkus), P Thompson.
Referee: N Reader (Chelmsford).

Impressive Alcock among the goals

Alcock was in impressive form in Lancing's two games this week, scoring three goals against both KES Witley and Westminster (George Chesterton writes). Having beaten Witley 6-3, Lancing went three up at half-time against Westminster, gave away a penalty, but came back to emphasize their ascendency with four more goals, Merlino scoring two and making three more.

Repton, playing two strong Northern schools, drew 2-2 with Bury, Loosemore equalizing from a direct free kick right on time, and they lost 1-1 to Bolton but regretted missing three glaring chances early in the first half. The issue was settled by an own goal.

Kimbolton set the scene for their 5-1 victory over Westminster when Ramply scored in the first minute. Ramply went on to score two more goals.

Malvern and Shrewsbury, who first played each other in 1896, played their ninetieth match this week, Malvern winning 2-0. Malvern scored after 10 minutes through Hill, and although Shrewsbury exerted a lot of pressure in the second half, the issue was settled when they conceded a penalty, from which Mills scored.

In the northern section of the ESFA Gillette Trophy Bradford, Barnsley and Leeds all advanced to the fifth round. Young, of Hull maintained his recent good form by scoring twice in his side's 4-1 win over Kettering and Corby. In the south Havering reached the fifth round when they defeated Merton 4-2, and Hutchings scored three for Lea Valley in a surprise 4-0 win over Bedford.

TENNIS

Catlin carries hopes

Teresa Catlin, of Cambridgeshire, carried British hopes through to the semi-finals of the LTA women's indoor tournament at Croydon yesterday, with a determined 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 victory over Lone Vandborg, of Denmark.

Catlin, aged 18, achieved her best result by mixing her game with a clever array of sliced ground strokes and craftily disguised lobs. Having levelled the match at one set all she broke her opponent's serve in the seventh game of the final set, winning four consecutive games to take the match.

Sarah Loosemore, of South Wales, was outplayed by the West German, Ingrid Peltzer, aged 17, losing 4-6, 7-6, 6-1. Miss Peltzer will now face the Russian, Natalia Medvedeva, aged 16, for a place in tomorrow's final while Miss Catlin's semi-final opponent is another player from the Soviet Union, Victoria Milvidskaia.

QUARTER-FINALS: I Peltzer (WG) bt S Loosemore (South Wales), 4-6, 7-6, 6-1; N Medvedeva (USSR) bt P Eschemasody (Fr), 6-0, 7-5; V Milvidskaia (USSR) bt E Markiukova (USSR), 6-2, 6-2; T Catlin (Cambs) bt L Vandborg (Den), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Christmas Number

"Him and his driving trials!"

Horse and Hound cartoonist John Tickner is not the only contributor to cast an equestrian eye at Christmas in this week's issue - that is if you include reindeer. Harvey Smith gives his opinion for the festive season, amateur rider Tarnya Nicholls suggests gifts for the horse-loving family; Charles Lane looks around the galleries for sporting art; we publish an excerpt from Robin Page's new book, *The Fox and the Orchid;* and TV addicts can read about the perils of making programmes on horses.

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DeFreitas saves day for England

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Lahore

England came uncomfortably close to making a nonsense of the first of their three one-day internationals against Pakistan here yesterday. Needing 167 to win on a good, if not pluperfect, pitch, they lost eight wickets getting them and had only two balls to spare. Pakistan, what is more, were without Javed, their new but ailing captain, as well as Imran, whose ghost was abroad.

Confirmation that cricket interest, even in the one-day game, has gone off the boil, following Pakistan's defeat in the World Cup and Imran's retirement, could be seen all round the ground. Where, a fortnight ago, 45,000 had packed the stadium to watch Pakistan play Australia, there were now mostly empty terraces.

Pakistan are in urgent need of a victory, one to restore faith and bring the crowds back. They were captained yesterday by Abdul Qadir and it was he, in fact, who gave them their chance when England had appeared to be cantering home.

In the field England had been keen and pretty efficient, keeping Pakistan in check after they had reached 60 for one in 18 of the 45 overs available to them. Rameez was playing no less well than when he made 113 against England in Karachi last month, the match which he and Salim Malik, his partner now, won more or less off their own bats.

But at 62 Rameez skied Capel to mid-on, in trying to hit him back over the top, and Malik was then run out in the unluckiest of ways, Capel, the bowler, deflecting a straight drive by Mudassar into the stumps before Malik could get back.

Mistiming a sweep, Ejaz was caught at long leg; Yousuf, jumping down the pitch to Hemmings, was both caught and stumped by French; Qadir was *thrown out going for a* second run to Capel at long on; Mudassar sent a skimmer to extra cover; and the Pakistan tail were toyed with by Emburey. Pakistan still had 3.3 overs left when they were bowled out.

Given the start they were by Gooch, England should have won without difficulty. He and Gatting had added 56 in 12 overs (Broad went early, caught at slip) when Qadir struck. Coming on at 49 for one Qadir's first three balls all went for four, Gooch pulling the first, snicking the second and sweeping the third before being bowled by the fourth, playing neither forward nor back.

The struggle England had after that was almost as much Athey's doing as Qadir's, *though Gatting got out again* to the sweep, not of the reverse variety this time, mercifully. I keep coming across Pakistanis who, having backed England to beat Australia in the World Cup final, seem to think the reverse sweep should carry the same penalty as adultery, but to lose 1,000 World Cups would be better than that.

Athey made 20 in 67 balls and sent back Capel late *enough for him* to be run out by about half the length of the pitch. Fairbrother did his best before being bowled, trying to cut Qadir; Emburey pulled Zahid, the little slow left-armer we *had seen in* Rawalpindi, to deep square leg; Athey eventually got a fairly dubious decision, and in the absense of Lamb it was left to French and DeFreitas to score the 17 that were needed from the last two overs. DeFreitas finished the match off with a straight six off Qadir.

In the first over of England's innings Yousuf, Pakistan's wicketkeeper and never the tidiest taker of the ball, broke a finger in his left hand, stopping a leg side ball from Wasim Akram. This was to cost Pakistan dear, not only depriving them of the bowling of Salim Malik, who took the gloves, but helping DeFreitas to survive a stumping chance off Qadir when he was five. I am not saying Yousuf would have taken it, although DeFreitas was a long way down the pitch, but he would have had a better chance then Malik.

As he was perfectly entitled to do, Gatting had rejected Qadir's request for a specialist wicketkeeper as Yousuf's replacement. The regulation concerning substitutes keeping wicket was tightened, anyway in England, after first Bob Taylor, then Parks of Hampshire, had kept in the Lord's Test of 1986, following an injury to French.

Speaking after yesterday's match in more general terms, Gatting referred to the possibility of the pitches and the crowds, like the players, being somewhat worn out. There was enough chuntering about the umpiring, too, for it to sound as though it could be time for one of Mickey Stewart's "reminders".

● LAHORE: The Pakistan wicketkeeper, Salim Yousuf, will miss two one-day internationals against England in *Karachi on Friday and in* Peshawar on Sunday

SCOREBOARD FROM LAHORE

Pakistan won toss

PAKISTAN

		6s	4s	Balls
Ramiz Raja c Gatting b Capel	38	-	3	54
Shoaib Mohammad c French b Foster	11	-	2	22
Salim Malik run out (Capel)	30	-	4	54
Ijaz Ahmed c Gooch b Hemmings	17	-	1	33
Mudassar Nazar c Fairbrother b Foster	10	-	-	23
†Saleem Yousuf c French b Hemmings	22	-	2	23
Manzoor Elahi b Emburey	14	-	2	16
Wasim Akram b Emburey	5	-	-	8
*Abdul Qadir run out (Capel)	7	1	-	4
Zahid Ahmed c and b Emburey	0	-	-	5
Saleem Jaffer not out	2	-	-	7
Extras: (b 1, lb 5, w 2, nb 2)	10			
Total: (41.3 overs)	166			

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-62, 3-96, 4-102, 5-132, 6-138, 7-154, 8-163, 9-163.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 7-1-19-0 (nb 2); Foster 8-1-37-2 (w 2); Capel 9-0-43-1; Emburey 8.3-2-17-3; Hemmings 9-1-44-2.

ENGLAND

		6s	4s	Balls
G A Gooch b Qadir	43	-	6	59
B C Broad c Elahi b Akram	1	-	-	3
*M W Gatting lbw b Qadir	16	-	-	45
C W J Athey lbw b Akram	20	-	-	67
D J Capel run out (Shoaib)	8	-	1	19
N H Fairbrother b Zahid	25	-	2	36
J E Emburey c Ijaz b Zahid	4	-	-	9
P A F DeFreitas not out	14	1	-	16
N A Foster lbw b Akram	0	-	-	6
†B A French not out	7	-	-	8
Extras: (b 13, lb 10, w 4, nb 2)	29			
Total: (8 wkts, 44.3 overs)	167			

E E Hemmings did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-61, 3-74, 4-89, 5-120, 6-127, 7-137, 8-140.

BOWLING: Akram 9-0-25-3 (nb 2, w 3); Jaffer 3-0-18-0; Mudassar 9-1-19-0; Elahi 2-0-12-0; Qadir 8.3-2-32-2 (w 1); Zahid 9-1-24-2; Shoaib 4-0-14-0.

Man of the Match: J E Emburey.

Umpires: Shakeel Khan and Shakoor Rana.

Job well done: French congratulates DeFreitas on hitting the winning runs against Pakistan

O'Donnell tumour test

Melbourne (Reuter) — The Australian all-rounder, Simon O'Donnell, was undergoing further medical tests yesterday after a malignant chest tumour was diagnosed.

O'Donnell, aged 24, a member of the Australian team that won the World Cup earlier this *month, will make a statement* on his condition today, his manager, Jeff Joseph, said.

"We've only received the results of the preliminary tests taken late last week and we can't be certain as to the extent of the malignancy," Joseph said. O'Donnell, the vice-captain of Victoria's Sheffield Shield side, had suffered soreness in his ribs for the past two *years but had passed it off as a* muscle strain.

END COLUMN

Hand of Courage behind Cup bid

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

The hand of sponsorship is about to grasp one of the three British sporting traditions that remain untouched. The FA Cup, a competition that has survived unaided for 115 years, is believed to be on the verge of being sold to the highest bidder.

The price will be unprecedented. The record figure in football, which stands at £4.5 million over three years (the value of the present contract between the League and Barclays) will be more than doubled and the overall peak, reached by Silk Cut and Jaguar, will almost certainly be surpassed.

Bert Millichip, the FA's chairman, who has publicly stated that the Cup might be worth £10 million to a sponsor, yesterday refused to confirm or deny that an announcement was imminent. "If we had anything to say, we would do so through the proper channels," he said.

Ted Croker, the secretary, was more forthcoming. "We are talking to almost every company that has been involved in major sports sponsorship," he said. "Our deal with General Motors expires at the end of the year, so there is a sense of urgency."

The deal with General Motors, worth £1 million over three years, covers the Charity Shield, the national coaching programme and the School of Excellence at Lilleshall. The FA has been looking for a successor for some time, but the search has so far been in vain.

The Cup, which has at*tracted numerous would-be* sponsors over the years, could be added to the package to protect the survival of "the grass roots". "We are talking to interested parties about all activities of the Football Association and not just about the Cup," Croker said.

Although international fixtures are highly lucrative, an *FA spokesman pointed out* that lower down the scale, the game is not always self-financing. "The School for instance, is a costly business and so are youth matches," he said. "We have a direct responsibility towards everybody in football."

Part of the proposed sponsorship would be donated as prize-money, which would probably handsomely exceed the sums on offer in the Littlewoods Cup. It is hoped that the rest would be put aside for the benefit of the needy, an idea that should be supported by the Government.

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, said yesterday: "I welcome the fact that the *FA is speaking to a range of* companies, and I hope it finds a sponsor. If the Cup is part of a deal that brings money to the sport, then I am in favour."

Courage, one of Britain's largest breweries with an annual turnover of £1.4 billion, is thought to be the most likely beneficiary. Mike Reynolds, the director of Courage's public relations, admitted: "The speculation did not come as a total shock to me." His company, as well as being involved in horse racing, snooker and Reading Football Club, also recently *poured £1.6 million* into rugby union's new club championship.

Graham Stewart-Reed, the manager of Courage's public relations, said: "A high profile *event like the Cup could* interest us. We are active in sponsorship, and the majority of it is centred on sport."

The firm has already gained the approval of the FA. Three years ago they conducted the personal appearances of the England squad. If the pair link again, the British Open golf championship and the tennis at Wimbledon will be the only remaining targets left for sponsors.

Leading British sports sponsorships

Sport: Football League:
Company: Barclays
Contract: £4.5m over 3 years
Motor racing (Jaguar):
Silk Cut
£10m over 3 years
Admiral's Cup yachting:
Blue Arrow
£9m
European golf tour:
Volvo
£10m over 5 years
Cricket Test matches:
Cornhill
£2½m over 3 years
World snooker championship:
Embassy
£1.4m over 3 years
Nation's Cup show jumping:
Gucci
£1.8m over 4 years
Rugby Union clubs championship:
Courage
£1.6m over 3 years
Olympic competitors:
Minet
£1.5m over 3 years
Derby, Oaks racing:
Ever Ready
£6m over 8 years

● Provided by Derek Etherington, Sportscan

Labour MPs seek top-level inquiry

By Martin Fletcher

More than 100 Labour MPs yesterday signed a Commons motion calling for a top-level parliamentary inquiry into all aspects of the state of sport in Britain.

They have called for the creation of a permanent, all-party, select committee of MPs to examine the adequacy *and deployment of resources*, the nation's competitiveness, the provision of facilities, sponsorship, promotion, the need for legislative reform and any other issue that might give rise to concern.

Like other select committees, this one would have the power to summon and question ministers, civil servants and outside officials and to produce reports for the House of Commons.

Interviewed on BBC Radio yesterday, Alan Meale, Lab*our MP for Mansfield and one* of the sponsors of the motion, said that sport was now a massive industry affecting millions of people, but arrangements for monitoring it were quite inadequate.

In recent years it has been left to individual MPs to raise such matters as crowd violence, the size of football transfers, or lack of investment as and when problems arise. "We think it is time the government and parliament started to look at it seriously," he said.

Butcher awaits verdict

By Roddy Forsyth

It was a day of rest for Terry Butcher yesterday, but not for staff at the Ross Hall private hospital on the south side of Glasgow, who had to spend much of their time fending off inquiries from the Press and Rangers supporters, anxious *for information about the* English international defender's chances of returning to football action. The Rangers centre back fractured his left tibia in a tackle with the Aberdeen defender, Alex McLeish, during the Pittodrie team's 1-0 victory at Ibrox on Tuesday night.

Yesterday Butcher was, understandably, unavailable for comment, but though he will be examined again by a consultant today, it looks certain that he will not be able to play before the end of January and perhaps not for a further month after that.

The player was visited by Rangers' chief executive, David Holmes, and the club's player-manager, Graeme Souness, during the morning. Afterwards Souness conceded that the loss of such a critical player was a serious set-back to his team's League campaign, but added: "We are more concerned about Terry at the moment. We would also like to stress once more that the injury was the result of a complete accident."

Aside from the absence of Butcher, Rangers will also have to do without the services of Souness for several games because of a recurrence of a troublesome leg injury for which he underwent an operation last year.

Rangers fly out today for *France to take part in a* practice match with Monaco whose team includes Mark Hateley and Glenn Hoddle. They will return to Glasgow tonight.

Despite Rangers' problems this week they remain favourites to retain their League title and yesterday Glasgow's bookmakers were not inclined to alter the odds, on the Ibrox side becoming champions again.

Harris lands Tottenham job

Alan Harris was last night confirmed as Tottenham Hotspur's first team coach. Terry Venables, with whom Harris worked at Crystal Palace, Queen's Park Rangers and, most recently, Barcelona, will begin his job on Monday.

Steve Walsh, of Leicester City, yesterday lost his appeal against one of the most severe suspensions ever imposed by the Football Association.

The central defender will now start on Monday a six-match ban imposed last month after he was sent off for elbowing David Geddis, of Shrewsbury Town, in the face on the opening day of the season. Geddis suffered a triple fracture of his jaw and has not played since.

Walsh, aged 23, was supported by Terry Shipman, the Leicester chairman, and Bryan Hamilton, the manager, at the Board of Appeal hearing at Lancaster Gate.

After a 90-minute hearing Shipman said: "We are very disappointed. We consider it was a pure accident, but the commission didn't see it that way." Walsh will be able to play — postponements permitting — in the third round of the FA Cup in early January.

Governing body is assailed by Duff

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

The British Boxing Board of Control came under a stinging attack yesterday from Mickey Duff, the London promoter, who claimed the game was not *being run in the interests of* the boxing public.

The outburst came at a Press conference to announce a Wembley Grand Hall show on December 2, which clashes with a promotion by Duff's rival, Frank Warren, at the Albert Hall involving Tony Sibson and Don Lee.

Duff said: "The boxing public are losing out through the board's over-sensitive fears of litigation. They are ceasing to control the sport, they made the rules, and we learnt how to play them. We have been licence holders for years and never threatened any litigation. The board have got scared."

Duff and the board had few problems before Warren arrived on the scene and wanted to run rival shows live on television. The board invoked the 14-day rule and a policy that banned live television, but under threat of litigation from Warren it retreated.

"The old arrangements were very good when you had no live TV," Duff said yesterday. "Live television will kill boxing stone dead."

Two weeks ago Duff was not complaining. He had a show at Wembley Arena that had the beating of the Albert Hall show. But then Duke McKenzie's challenge for Sot Chitalada's world flyweight title fell through and the board banned a supporting IBF world title bout as it no longer recognizes the IBF distance of 15 rounds.

Now Duff has Horace Notice defending his Commonwealth heavyweight title against Dean Waters, of *Australia*, and McKenzie meeting Juan Herrera, of Mexico, and has moved to the smaller Wembley Hall.

This is the second time inside a month that dates of Duff and Warren shows have clashed. On both occasions Warren's bookings were made first. Duff claims he chose December 2 because it was the last available date BBC TV could manage this year. Warren's promotion is being shown on ITV.

Moynihan seeking new views

Britain's sportsmen and women were yesterday invited to tell the Government how sport should be run in the 1990s. Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, is to send an open letter to governing bodies which he hopes will result in a massive grass-roots *response by the end of March.*

"We need to assess whether we have the right framework and policies for the next decade," he said. "The biggest growth in the finance of sport has come from private sponsorship. Now we must find out how much more money is needed and I want a response from everybody in sport, including the participants."

The Minister would not be drawn on whether his initiative might lead to more Government money for the Sports Council and sport in general. He will release the text of his letter later this week in time for the first full day's debate on sport in the House of Commons — on November *26* — for seven years.

The Minister has secured a sponsor for the Government's new drug advisory scheme. The Sports Council are putting up £300,000 and the Minister has negotiated a three-year deal for the remainder of the £750,000 package necessary to run the scheme.

White speeds into four-frame lead

By Steve Acteson

Jimmy White needed only 113 minutes to move into a 6-2 lead over Eugene Hughes in the first session of their fourth round meeting in the Tennents United Kingdom snooker championship at Preston yesterday.

White, the world No. 2, opened with a salvo of high-speed breaks — 72, 34, 55, 50 and 65 — to go 4-0 ahead, and aimed such a vicious pot at a blue in the fourth frame that the coloured ball arced clear off the table and into the audience where it was expertly caught by an elderly woman.

Hughes, ranked 24th, temporarily stemmed the tide by winning the fifth frame, but runs of 36 and 31 put White 6-1 ahead before he left the final *black hanging* over a pocket in frame eight and conceded, 55-54 down, but still needing only three more frames in the evening session for a place in the last 16.

Steve Davis, the defending champion, was 5-3 ahead against Peter Francisco, and Francisco's uncle, Silvino, led Cliff Wilson 7-1.

Willie Thorne's perfect 147 break on Tuesday overshadowed a marvellous win by Dene O'Kane, the young New Zealander, who defeated the player of the season to date, Dennis Taylor, 9-7.

O'Kane, aged 24, was elevated to celebrity status in sport-mad New Zealand by reaching the quarter-finals of the world championships in May, and said: "There are more pluses than minuses to fame, but judging by the reaction I had just by reaching the world quarter-finals, if I ever became world champion it would be almost impossible for me to live in New Zealand.

"Weeks after the tour people would stop me and want to *talk about it.*"

RESULTS: Fourth round: M Hallett (Eng) bt A Meo (Eng), 9-5; D O'Kane (NZ) bt D Taylor (N Ire), 9-7; T Chappel (Wal) bt S Longworth (Eng), 9-6; W Thorne (Eng) bt T Murphy (N Ire), 9-4; D Roe (Eng) bt V Harris (Eng), 9-5; J Johnson (Eng) bt B West (Eng), 9-6; T Griffiths (Wal) level with A Edmonds (Eng), 4-4; J Parrott (Eng) level with J Wych (Can), 4-4; D Fowler (Eng) leads G Miles (Eng), 5-3; S Davis (Eng) leads P Francisco (SA), 5-3; J White (Eng) leads E Hughes (Ire), 6-2; S Francisco (SA) leads C Wilson (Wal), 7-1.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Player is charged

Gary Trevis, the Cross Keys prop forward, will appear in court later this month on a charge of grievous bodily harm after he allegedly broke *the jaw of an opponent during* a match in October. Trevis was playing for the Cross Keys second team against Glamorgan Wanderers A side when the Wanderers prop, Peter *Huckle, sustained* a broken jaw, a broken palate and lost several teeth.

Lamb to play

Allan Lamb, the England cricketer, will play his first match for the South African side, Orange Free State, on Saturday in the Nissan Shield.

Moorhouse: forced out

Moorhouse ill

Adrian Moorhouse, the European breastroke champion, has been forced to withdraw from the Hewlett-Packard national short-course championship at Ipswich because of bronchitis.

AIDS caution

Geneva (Reuter) — Footballers should wear shin pads as a *precaution against catching* AIDS, the medical committee of the world governing football body, FIFA, said yesterday. Shin wounds are among the most frequent injuries *in the sport and leave the* possibility of contact through blood with the AIDS virus, the committee said.

Tennis tour

Eight British women will undertake a tennis tour of Australia and New Zealand during the winter. Clare Wood, Valda Lake, Julie Salmon and Teresa Catlin will be joined by the juniors, Sarah Loosemore, Samantha Smith, Alex Niepel and Rachel Viollet.

Anquetil loses cancer battle

Paris (AFP) — Jacques Anquetil, five times winner of *the Tour de France and one of* the great legends of cycle racing, died yesterday in Rouen aged 53 after a long struggle with cancer. He underwent an operation for *stomach cancer last August*

Anquetil's first Tour de France success was in 1957 but it was his victory in 1961 when "Maitre Jacques" wore the *maillot jaune* from start to finish that is best remembered.

Anquetil also won the Giro d'Italia, the Grand Prix des Nations nine times and held the world hour record.

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